



American Bakers Association

Serving the Baking Industry Since 1897

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The Honorable Barack Obama
President-Elect
c/o United States Senate
713 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. President-Elect:

On behalf of the membership and professional staff of the American Bakers Association (ABA), I offer heartfelt congratulations on your well-earned victory. Our nation has much to be proud of following this lengthy election, and a great deal of work ahead of us.

ABA stands ready to work with you on issues of mutual interest including energy, food safety, nutrition, agricultural policy and health care. We will also exercise our right to respectfully disagree on others, such as the Employee Free Choice Act and expansion of employment discrimination litigation. In the spirit of your campaign, we look forward to opportunities to help you govern in a consensus fashion.

The American Bakers Association is the national trade association representing the wholesale baking industry. ABA promotes the interests of the baking industry before Congress, federal agencies, state legislatures and international policy making bodies. Our member companies and their suppliers produce over 80% of all baked goods consumed in the United States. You are no doubt already familiar with our Chicago area bakers Turano Baking Company, Alpha Baking Company and Gonnella Baking Company. ABA also represents Weston Foods (Arnold, Entenmann's), Interstate Brands Corporation (Hostess, Wonder Bread), Sara Lee Bakery Group, Flowers Foods (Sunbeam, Nature's Own, Cobblestone Mill), Pepperidge Farm, General Mills, and McKee Foods (Little Debbie), produce. In addition, we established the Grain Foods Foundation to educate consumers about the health benefits of grain-based foods as part of a healthy lifestyle.

ABA would appreciate the opportunity to meet with your transition team to discuss key issues of mutual importance. We look forward to working with your team.

Sincerely,

Robb MacKie
President & CEO