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American Frozen Food Institute Commends Senate Food Safety Action as Preferred Path over House Bill

McLean, VA – American Frozen Food Institute (AFFI) President and CEO Kraig R. Naasz issued the following statement today commending the U.S. Senate for passing the “FDA Food Safety Modernization Act” (S. 510).

“Food safety is the highest priority for frozen food producers, and AFFI has long supported the need to modernize America’s food safety system.

“AFFI and its member companies have worked hard over the past three years to advance legislation to improve the Food and Drug Administration’s food safety capabilities. The Senate-passed bill achieves this goal by giving FDA new authorities and increased resources, while ensuring the agency’s efforts are appropriately focused on prevention.

“While an exemption from new food safety rules for select farmers and food operations gives us pause, we view the Senate’s food safety legislation as much improved and more responsible than legislation approved last year by the House of Representatives. The House bill would burden food producers with confusing and onerous new regulations, saddle food producers and handlers with costly new fees, and do far less to actually improve food safety.

“AFFI is committed to food safety modernization that promotes increased consumer protection and fosters industry innovation by avoiding complicated, costly and burdensome regulatory and fee structures. When compared to the House bill, the Senate-passed bill provides a far more palatable approach for improving food safety.”

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The American Frozen Food Institute is the national trade association that promotes the interests of all segments of the frozen food industry. AFFI works to foster industry development and growth, and advocates before legislative and regulatory entities on the industry’s behalf. For more information, please visit www.affi.com.