
ASSOCIATION OF FOOD AND DRUG OFFICIALS

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Submitted by: AFDO Board of Directors

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Concerning: Safety of Food in Relief Systems

Whereas, food insecurity is a major, growing concern with an estimated 50.1 million people in the United States who do not have access to enough food and/or nutrition, including 16.7 million children, and

Whereas, a staggering amount of food in various conditions from sources throughout the supply chain finds its way to food banks every day where food safety is judged by volunteers before being distributed to relief organizations and individual consumers, and

Whereas, food banks may be challenged to provide adequate food safety training to volunteers, especially those that repackage bulk food products or handle other exposed foods, and

Whereas, many states have inconsistent or inadequate regulation and inspection of food handled in the relief systems, therefore, be it

Resolved, that AFDO provide the National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL) information about the importance of adequate and consistent regulation to protect food in relief channels, and be it further

Resolved, that AFDO and IFPTI contact Feeding America and offer assistance in advising on the development of new and comprehensive food safety training programs for food handling volunteers.