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FMI Applauds Senate Passage of the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act

ARLINGTON, VA — November 30, 2010 — Food Marketing Institute President and CEO Leslie G. Sarasin today issued the following statement commending the U.S. Senate for passing the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (S. 510) by a 73–25 vote.

“Today’s passage of S. 510, the Food Safety Modernization Act, represents more than two years of thoughtful, bipartisan efforts that included industry, consumer groups and all other stakeholders working toward a shared goal of improving our nation’s food safety system.”

“With today’s Senate vote, we have taken another important step toward modernizing America’s food safety network and focusing on preventing problems before they occur, rather than just reacting to them. FMI commends Senator Dick Durbin (D-Ill.), Chairman of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee Sen. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) and Committee Ranking Member Sen. Michael Enzi (R-Wyo.) for their steadfast work on this bill. “Now it is imperative that the House and Senate immediately reconcile the differences between their two proposals and find a path for a food safety bill to be enacted into law by the end of the year.”

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Food Marketing Institute (FMI) conducts programs in public affairs, food safety, research, education and industry relations on behalf of its 1,500 member companies - food retailers and wholesalers - in the United States and around the world. FMI's U.S. members operate approximately 26,000 retail food stores and 14,000 pharmacies. Their combined annual sales volume of \$680 billion represents three-quarters of all retail food store sales in the United States. FMI's retail membership is composed of large multi-store chains, regional firms and independent supermarkets. Its international membership includes 200 companies from more than 50 countries. FMI's associate members include the supplier partners of its retail and wholesale members.

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