

## **GROCERY MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION**

### **GROCERY MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION APPLAUDS BIPARTISAN FOOD SAFETY PROPOSAL IN U.S. HOUSE**

(Washington, D.C.) The Grocery Manufacturers Association (GMA) today issued the following statement from GMA President and CEO Pam Bailey regarding H.R.1332 the Safe FEAST Act (Safe Food Enforcement, Assessment, Standards and Targeting Act of 2009) cosponsored by U.S. Representatives Jim Costa (D-CA) and Adam Putnam (R-FL).

“Ensuring the safety of our products is priority number one for the food industry. Without consumer confidence, nothing else we do is possible. I applaud Congressmen Costa and Putnam for proposing sensible legislation that will strengthen the foundation of America’s food safety systems. In particular, GMA supports the requirement that all food companies have a comprehensive food safety plan in place. It is absolutely critical that manufacturers take a preventative approach in identifying and evaluating potential hazards, and building food safety into the manufacturing process from the very beginning. We are committed to working with Congress to enact food safety legislation that will continually improve the safety of America’s food supplies.”