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Dear Grocery and Retail Association Leaders:

As you work to urgently address the effects of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and the significant threat to food security, I urge you to work with your members in Pennsylvania and across the country to ensure that groceries can be delivered to SNAP participants who cannot safely leave their homes to travel to a store. This is especially important for seniors, immunocompromised individuals, families who lack reliable transportation and individuals with disabilities.

All retailers are able to offer online ordering, and this option must be made available for SNAP participants as well. It can be done by processing the EBT card either at the time of pickup from the store, or when the groceries are delivered to the SNAP participant with a mobile device.

Traveling to a grocery store during this crisis is simply not possible for many SNAP participants, including seniors, immunocompromised individuals, families who lack reliable transportation and individuals with disabilities. We must do everything we can to address these barriers by leveraging existing flexibilities and partnering with the retailers who have the ability to provide much needed grocery delivery services to all who need it.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to get healthy food to all who need it during this difficult time. I urge you to ensure your members are doing everything they can to ensure grocery delivery options are available for SNAP participants.

Sincerely,



Robert P. Casey, Jr.
United States Senator

CC: Pennsylvania Food Manufacturers Association, National Grocers Association, National Association of Convenience Stores, Food Industry Association, Grocery Manufacturers Association