THE ASSOCIATION OF FOOD AND DAIRY RETAILERS, WHOLESALERS AND MANUFACTURERS

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The Honorable John Boehner
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Support the Kline-Miller Multiemployer Reform Legislation

Dear Speaker Boehner and Leader Pelosi:

On behalf of the Association of Food and Dairy Retailers, Wholesalers and Manufacturers, representing over 700,000 associates and members nationwide, we are re-affirming our strong support for -- and urging you to pass this year -- the bi-partisan multiemployer pension reform legislation being offered by House Committee on Education and the Workforce Chairman John Kline and Ranking Member George Miller.

The Kline-Miller legislation protects pensions, retirees, and taxpayers. It is the only reform that accomplishes all of these important objectives.

A number of multiemployer plans stand on the brink of financial collapse, notwithstanding that these deeply troubled plans have exhausted all remedies available under current law. Without additional options, these plans will face insolvency in the near future.

The multiemployer reform legislation draws from the recommendations made last year by labor and management groups under the auspices of the National Coordinating Committee of Multiemployer Plans. Working with business and labor, Chairman Kline and Ranking Member Miller have developed a package that will stabilize and protect the pensions of millions of participants – without resorting to Federal financial assistance.

The bi-partisan legislation offered by Chairman Kline and Ranking Member Miller offers the most logical and least painful way of saving the multiemployer pension system. We urge you to support this legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

Aramark	Land O'Lakes
AWG	Nestlé USA
Bimbo Bakeries USA	Penske
ConAgra Foods	Prairie Farms Dairy
Dairy Farmers of America	Schnucks
Dean Foods	Spangler Candy
Kellogg's	SpartanNash
Kroger Co.	SUPERVALU