



March 10, 2021

The Honorable Mike Freiberg, Chair
House Preventative Health Policy Division
Minnesota House of Representatives
381 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Freiberg:

I write regarding HF1307, a proposal to mandate certain requirements on restaurants related to the offering of kid's meals in Minnesota.

We appreciate the intent of the author to promote healthy food choices for children, a goal that Minnesota's restaurant industry shares. Current trends in the industry are already moving toward healthy options on a voluntary basis, including programs such as the National Restaurant Association's "Kids Live Well" program.

While we do have concerns about some of the prescriptive measures in the bill as currently drafted, we appreciate the author's willingness to meet with us recently and her stated commitment to continue to engage with the industry over the interim. We also appreciate the author's understanding that right now, with so many restaurants facing economic devastation, it is a challenging time for the consideration of any new mandates. We look forward to further conversations with the author and the bill advocates in this regard later this year.

Thank you for allowing Hospitality Minnesota to provide these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liz Rammer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Liz" being more prominent.

Liz Rammer
President & CEO