

October 31, 2023

State of Wisconsin
Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP)
Secretary Randy Romanski
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Madison, WI 53708-8911

Dear Secretary Romanski:

On behalf of the Retail Food Safety Advisory Committee, I am writing to request that you exercise your authority in Wis. Stat. § 15.04(1) (c) to convert this committee to a council. The transition of the committee to a council will allow this body to function on a continuing basis and would preserve a well-established partnership between DATCP, local regulatory offices, and industry. Our purpose would be to continue to advise DATCP on the issues related to retail food establishment operations, promote education, training, consistency in inspection, and to address emerging trends in food protection by recommending solutions and alternatives. The council would continue to promote a culture of open communication and collaboration for food protection in the State of Wisconsin.

The proposed Retail Food Safety Advisory Council (RFSAC) will continue the committee's commitment to advancing food protection, education, and food safety culture in the state of Wisconsin. The council will provide open communication and further the ability to navigate changes with a continuous improvement mindset. This will support the invaluable mission and vision, which is to improve industry food protection standards and practices in the State of Wisconsin.

Please review the details found within the attached proposal and proposed RFSAC By-Laws and Operational Guidelines. Thank you for your consideration and support of this ever-important resource and our continued initiative to promote and improve food protection in the State of Wisconsin.

Sincerely,



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Retail Food Safety Advisory Committee Chair

Enclosures (2):
RFSAC Proposal
RFSAC By-Laws and Operational Guidelines