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*Via Email*

Mr. Marvin Irby  
CEO  
National Restaurant Association

Mr. Robert Cresanti  
President and CEO  
International Franchise Association

Dear Mr. Irby and Mr. Cresanti:

We realize this is an unprecedented situation, but our nation's truck drivers need places to eat while they are out on the road.

OOIDA represents 160,000 small-business truckers nationwide, many of which are hundreds or thousands of miles away from home hauling freight in response to COVID-19. One of the biggest issues we are hearing about is their inability to get food.

While we realize the restaurant industry is dealing with significant issues of its own, to the extent you can work with your members to accommodate the needs of our nation's truck drivers, we would be extremely grateful. Using a drive-thru in a commercial motor vehicle is impossible, most restaurants have closed their inside operations, and individuals are generally prohibited from walking through a drive-thru line. As a result, truck drivers are struggling to find food.

OOIDA has instantaneous access to our members via email, text messages, and numerous social media platforms. We also publish Land Line Magazine and produce a daily radio show that airs on Sirius XM 146 nightly. We would be happy to use these resources to promote – free of charge – any efforts that your members are making (or might make) to accommodate the food and beverage needs of our nation's truck drivers.

We appreciate your time and consideration. Please contact me directly at (816) 229-5791 should you have any questions or require additional information.

Respectfully,

Todd Spencer  
President and CEO  
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