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The North Central Association of Food and Drug Officials (NCAFDO) would like to register support for the development of a comprehensive national food safety strategic plan by the President's Council on Food Safety. We believe the inclusion of state and local agencies in this important, federal, interagency effort is imperative to meeting the goals of the President's Food Safety Initiative.

NCAFDO strongly supports the proposals developed by the federal, state, and local agencies represented in the National Food Safety System (NFSS) Initiative. This unprecedented model of interagency cooperation has produced specific recommendations to improve the nation's food safety system. At the same time, we recognize that the NFSS initiative is an ongoing process and urge support of the President's Council to maintain a mechanism for state and local involvement.

At our annual meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 21, 1999, NCAFDO identified:

- The President's Food Safety Initiative provides an appropriate foundation for interstate and interagency cooperation and the utilization of the collective resources of government, industry, consumers and academia to reduce, to the greatest extent possible, the incidence of foodborne illness.
- The members of NCAFDO do hereby believe that it is important and urgent to include local and state involvement in the development of a comprehensive,

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