



Promoting the growth of Connecticut's grocery community...

January 2025 Newsletter

Dear Friend of the CT Food Association:

Happy New Year! As 2025 begins, we're energized and ready to tackle the opportunities and challenges ahead. With the new legislative session running from **January 8 to June 4**, we're committed to advancing policies that support a thriving retail environment while addressing the pressing issues that shape our industry.

This year, CFA's priority issues reflect our dedication to safeguarding businesses, improving operational fairness, and modernizing key regulations. Here's a look at several focus areas for 2025:

- **Organized Retail Crime:** Advocating for stronger measures to protect businesses and consumers from the growing threat of retail theft.
- **Prohibiting Credit Card Interchange Fees on Sales Tax:** Fighting to eliminate unfair charges that inflate costs for retailers and consumers alike.
- **Updates to the 2023 Digital Privacy Law:** Ensuring digital privacy regulations remain practical and balanced for businesses while respecting consumer rights.
- **Extended Producer Responsibility:** Navigating the complexities of waste management and recycling to ensure sustainable and cost-effective policy.
- **Liquor Law Modernization:** Collaborating to modernize outdated regulations and create a more streamlined, equitable business framework.

Stay tuned for updates as we move through the session, and as always, feel free to reach out with your insights or questions.

A promotional graphic for the Connecticut Food Association's Annual Meeting. The left side features a dark grey background with white text. The text reads: 'SAVE THE DATE' in a bold, serif font; 'CONNECTICUT FOOD ASSOCIATION'S' in a smaller, sans-serif font; 'Annual Meeting' in a large, elegant script font; 'TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025' and 'FARMINGTON POLO CLUB' in a bold, sans-serif font; and '5:00PM Registration & Cocktail Hour' and '6:00PM Annual Meeting & Dinner' in a smaller, sans-serif font. The right side of the graphic shows a photograph of a large, white, classical-style building with a portico and columns, surrounded by lush greenery and trees under a clear blue sky.

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