



August 31, 2026

The Honorable Brooke Rollins
Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, DC 20250

RE: Ensuring Adequate Implementation Time for SNAP Stocking Standards Rule

Dear Secretary Rollins,

The undersigned convenience and fuel retail companies operate tens of thousands of stores in all fifty states, serving as SNAP-authorized retailers in communities that often have no other food retail options nearby. We write to ask that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) defers enforcement of its final rule on Updated Staple Food Stocking Standards for Retailers in SNAP (published May 8, 2026) until six months after the agency publishes official implementation guidance. The rule will go into effect November 4, 2026 if no action is taken, risking tens of thousands of retailers losing their SNAP authorization on day one.

We have waited for months for the release of the official guidance that we need in order to comply with the new rule. But aside from the initial retailer notice announcing the final rule's publication in May, no additional information has been provided.

Members of our industry process more than 160 million transactions every single day, the equivalent of serving about half of the U.S. population. 93% of Americans live within 10 minutes of one of our industry's locations, and our stores are particularly important in urban and rural areas of the country that might not have as many large businesses. In these locations, the convenience store not only serves as the place to get fuel but is often the grocery store and center of a community.

Our stores are essential in SNAP. More than 117,000 convenience stores participate in the program, the largest share of any store format and accounting for nearly half of all SNAP-authorized stores. Convenience stores are also one of the only store formats that are primarily open 24 hours and 7 days per week. This is a critical help for families that need access to food during overnight or early morning hours – including for workers who have non-standard work schedules outside of the traditional 9-to-5 schedule and have limited time in which to shop. And for SNAP participants without a car or reliable transit, our locations may be the only option within walking distance.

Our industry supported Congress's direction in the 2014 Farm Bill to increase staple food stocking requirements. Many of the undersigned businesses also submitted comments on the 2025 proposed rule, and we appreciate that USDA made changes in response to allow for some additional flexibilities. Our concern today, however, is with the compliance clock that started running once the rule was published, as we still have not received the additional guidance from USDA that is necessary to comply.

The 2026 final rule introduces a complicated tiered variety structure that raises basic operational questions we cannot answer on our own. We need additional information and time to identify product gaps, source products that meet the new requirements, negotiate with existing distributors or finding new ones, and restock store shelves and coolers.

If the rule takes effect before we can meet the new requirements, we risk losing our SNAP authorization. When that happens, SNAP participants in rural America and in many urban food deserts will have no other store within reach, harming the very households that this program was designed to serve.

We respectfully ask that you defer enforcement of the final rule until six months after the agency publishes official implementation guidance. This will ensure that the compliance period actually functions as one and will allow small format SNAP retailers to use the full six months the agency intended, measured from the point at which practicable and substantive guidance is published.

By allowing our industry more time to get into compliance, our stores can continue to provide the meaningful access to food that our SNAP customers rely on.

Thank you for your consideration.

Company Name

300 Poplar Operations LLC
4286 Macon Operations LLC
7-Eleven, Inc.
A&E Xpress Mart
AAP Corporation dba Convenient Mart
ABC Stores
Acme Stores Inc
Alam Investment
Alan Enterprizes LLC
Allen Brew Markets
Aloha Petroleum, LTD.
Andrews Fastbreak, Inc.
AOC Food Mart Inc.
Applegreen LLC
Arco AMPM
B-Quik of Baton Rouge
Bagh Inc
Bapa's Food Mart
Betty Beaver
Big John's Market & Deli, Inc
Big O's Git & Go
Blarney Castle Oil Co.
Blue Water Buffalo Market

Company HQ

Memphis, TN
Collierville, TN
Irving, TX
Aransas Pass, TX
Indianapolis, IN
Honolulu, HI
Chicago, IL
New Philadelphia, OH
Fairmont, WV
Sylacauga, AL
Oahu, HI
Mt. Carmel, IL
Talladega, AL
Lexington, SC
Las Vegas, NV
Baton Rouge, LA
Youngstown, OH
Aiken, SC
Fultonville, NY
Abingdon, VA
LaFollette, TN
Bear Lake, MI
Alamo, TX

Bo's Xpress Markets	Winchester, VA
Borders & Long Convenience Stores, LLC	Kaufman, TX
C-Express	Norman, OK
C. N. Brown Company	South Paris, ME
C&B Warehouse Distributing, Inc.	Virginia, MN
Cache Store 2, LLC	Anchorage, AK
Cameron Park Petroleum Inc.	Folsom, CA
Casey's General Stores	Ankeny, IA
Central Liquor & Market, Inc	Los Angeles, CA
Circle K Stores Inc.	Charlotte, NC
Citizens Fuel Company	Asheville, NC
Cliff's Local Market	Marcy, NY
Clipper Petroleum, Inc.	Flowery Branch, GA
Coastal Investments/Tinee Giants	Virginia Beach, VA
Combanc Development 1, LLC	Raymore, MO
Community Energy Co., Inc. DBA Community Quik Stop	Rumford, ME
Compass Travel Center	Demotte, IN
Conlee Oil Co.	Clio, MI
Country Stores of Iowa	Carroll, IA
Critel Associates Inc.	Holmdel, NJ
Cross Oil Company, Inc.	Ponca City, OK
Cubby's, Inc.	Omaha, NE
Cumberland Farms	Westborough, MA
D&S C Store	Salida, CO
Dandy Mini Marts, Inc.	Sayre, PA
Dari Mart Stores	Junction City, OR
Dash In Food Stores	La Plata, MD
DBG Petroleum Inc.	Stockton, CA
Delta Distributors, LLC	Andalusia, AL
Delta Sonic	Buffalo, NY
Diaz Northshore, LLC	Metairie, LA
Dodge's Stores	Tupelo, MS
Domino Food & Fuel	Clinton, OK
Downtown Chevron / Denali Express	Anchorage, AK
Downtown Shell and 15th Grill	Anchorage, AK
DPNET LLC	Tacoma, WA
Duchess Convenience Stores	Heath, OH
DuPont Grocery	Dupont, WA
E&K Convenience Inc.	Prior Lake, MN
Eastern Petroleum Corporation dba EP Mart	Enfield, NC
Elliott Oil Company	Ottumwa, IA
Ewing's of New Roads	New Roads, LA
Exprezo	Miami Shores, FL

EZ Stop Food Marts, Inc.	Maryville, TN
Family Express	Valparaiso, IN
Family Fare	Durham, NC
Farmers Union Oil Co	Lake Bronson, MN
Fast Break	Burlington, IA
Fast Food Mart 3	Durham, NC
Fastop Markets	Morristown, TN
Favtrip	Kansas City, MO
FHN Brothers Inc	Durham, NC
Fisher Stores, Inc.	New Bern, NC
FKG Oil Company SBA MotoMart Convenience Stores	Belleville, IL
Folk Oil Company, Inc.	Homer, MI
Fox Convenience	Appleton, WI
Frank's Mini Market, Inc	Baldwin Park, CA
Frazier's	Newnan, GA
Friendly Express, Inc.	Waycross, GA
Friendly Gus	Dublin, GA
Friendly's Inc.	Helena, MT
Friendship Food Stores	Fremont, OH
Fuel 24:7	San Rafael, CA
Gardena Liquor Market, Inc	Gardena, CA
Gas Plus Kingman	Kingman, AZ
GATE Petroleum Company	Jacksonville, FL
GIT'N GO Markets	Clinton, TN
Glassmere Fuel Service, Inc.	Tarentum, PA
Global Partners LP	Newton, MA
Golden Pantry Food Stores, Inc	Watkinsville, GA
Good 2 Go Stores	Idaho Falls, ID
GPM Investments, LLC	Richmond, VA
Gunsmoke Travel Plaza	Buene Vista, CO
H&A Investment LLC	Memphis, TN
Haag Oil Company	Topeka, KS
Haver's	Poland, NY
Hellenic LLC dba Stazione Deli Market	Patterson, LA
Herdrich Petroleum Corp	Rushville, IN
Hi Way Liquor Market, Inc	El Monte, CA
High Bridge Food Market	Greenbelt MD
HJB Convenience Corporation	Lakewood, CO
Hobo Pantry/Home Oil Company	Cowarts, AL
Holiday 3826	Minneapolis, MN
Holmes Liquor Market, Inc	Los Angeles, CA
Home Service Oil Company dba Express Mart Convenience Stores	Barnhart, MO

Hoover Encore Citgo	Hoover, AL
Huck's Market	Carmi, IL
Hy-Vee, Inc.	West Des Moines, IA
Inconvenience Inc.	Chicago, IL
Irvine Service Station	Corona, CA
Isaacs Enterprises Inc. DBA Pioneer Petroleum Co./Fastop Markets	Morristown, TN
Iven's Food Mart	Milwaukee, WI
J. M. Davis Industries Ind., Jim Dandy Stores	Morehead City, NC
J&J Petro Inc	Lebanon, IN
Jacksons Food Stores	Meridian, ID
Jade Inc.	New Brighton, MN
Jake's Market & Deli	Lebanon, NH
Jandu Oil Inc.	Algoma, WI
Javelina Mart	Kingsville, TX
Jet Food Stores of Georgia Incorporated	Sandersville, GA
Jett's Food Mart #10	Jackson, LA
Jiffy Trip	Enid, Oklahoma
Johnson Junction, Inc.	Huntington, IN
JP Express Inc.	Egg Harbor, WI
JumpStart Stores	Wichita, KS
Katahdin General Store LLC	Millinocket, ME
Kayrouz Petroleum/kp market	Westborough, MA
Kelley Williamson Company	Rockford, IL
KenJo Markets	Alcoa, TN
Kent Kwik	Midland, TX
Kentucky Lake Oil Company	Murray, KY
Kenyon's Variety	Lockport, NY
Kewa Gas, LLC.	Santo Domingo Pueblo, NM
KNC Holdings, Inc.	Albany, NY
Konnect General Stores DBA Dak's Market	Houston, TX
Kwik Trip, Inc.	La Crosse, WI
Lassus Brothers Oil, Inc	Fort Wayne, IN
Lawson Retail Operations, LLC	Norman, OK
Leiszler Oil	Manhattan, KS
Lipscomb Oil Company	Greenville, MS
Local Mart Inc.	Acton, IN
Loop Neighborhood Markets	Union City, CA
Louisiana Truck Stop & Gaming Administration, LLC	Bossier City, LA
Lp24inc	Carmel, IN
Lucky Food Mart	Muncie, IN
Lucky Seven General Stores	Virginia, MN
Lucky Spot Bishop	Bishop, TX

Marathon Food Mart	Atlanta, GA
Market Basket Food Stores Inc	Taylorsville, NC
Martinsville Mart 2 Inc	Martinsville, IN
Maverik	Salt Lake City, UT
McClure Oil Corporation	Marion, IN
Mickey's	Milan, OH
Midway Oil	Rutland, VT
Miller's of New Roads	New Roads, LA
Minit Stop	Kahului, HI
Moddersville General Store	Moddersville, MI
Mogas, Inc	El Paso, TX
Montpelier Main Stop	Bryan, OH
MS Express / Bay City Food Mart	Bay City, TX
MS22 Inc.	South Bend, IN
Neely Food Mart	Memphis, TN
Neil & Priya Inc. dba Kwik Trio Oil Co.	Jacksonville, FL
New Dixie Oil Corp	Roanoke Rapids, NC
Newcomb Oil Co., LLC	Bardstown, KY
Nooksack Market Center	Deming, WA
Norwood Grocery	Norwood, LA
Nouria	Worcester, MA
Now Save 21	Monroe, LA
NR23 Inc.	South Bend, IN
NSR Petro Services	Greenbelt, MD
Olson Oil Co.	Sioux Falls, SD
OnCue	Stillwater, OK
Palm Springs Capital, LLC	Oshkosh, WI
Parker's Convenience Stores	Saint Simons Island, GA
Pete's of Erie Inc.	Parsons, KS
Petro Plus, LLC	Little Rock, AR
PGB Petroleum	Walterboro, SC
PicStop	Napoleonville, LA
Pilot Travel Centers	Knoxville, TN
Pit Stop Convenience Centers	Peachtree City, GA
Pit Stop Convenience Stores	Weedsport, NY
Pit Stop Food and Fuel Center	Dorton, KY
Plaid Pantries Inc.	Portland, OR
PS Food Mart	Homer, MI
Quality Dairy Co.	Lansing, MI
Quick Pantry	Lafayette, IN
Quik Mart and More	Steubenville, OH
R&J Fuel Stop	Bell, FL
RaceTrac, Inc.	Atlanta, GA

RallySop Market	Cedar City, UT
Refuel Pantry	Madison, WI
Reid Petroleum DBA Crosby's	Lockport, NY
Reif Oil Co.	Burlington, IA
Riggs Rd BP	Hyattsville, MD
Riverview Shell	Norfolk, VA
Rmarts LLC	Northbrook, IL
Robinson Oil / Rotten Robbie	Santa Clara, CA
Royal Farms	Baltimore, MD
Royal Mart	Staunton, VA
S&D Quisberg, LLC	Baxter, MN
SAASOA USA	Spanish Fort, AL
Sam's Food Stores	Rocky Hill, CT
Sam's Mart	Matthews, NC
Scrivener Oil Company, Inc. dba Signal Food Stores	Ozark, MO
Seven-Eleven Hawai'i, Inc.	Honolulu, HI
Sheetz	Altoona, PA
Sibley Mart	Strasburg, OH
Simonson Station Stores	Grand Forks, ND
SM Elkhart Oil Inc.	Elkhart, IN
Sonbyrne Sales, Inc.	Weedsport, NY
South Tennessee Oil Company, Inc. DBA Quik Mart	Lawrenceburg, TN
Convenience Stores	
Southwest Georgia Oil Company Inc, dba SunStop Stores	Bainbridge, GA
Speedee Mart	Las Vegas, NV
Spinx	Greenville, SC
Sports & Spirits Chevron	Weed, CA
Sprint Mart	Ridgeland, MS
St. Joe Petroleum Co.	St. Joseph, MO
St. Romain Oil Company LLC dba Y-Not Stop	Mansura, LA
Stewart's Shops Corp	Saratoga Springs, NY
Stinker Stores	Boise, ID
Sumrall Oil Services, Inc.	Bay Springs, MS
Sun Ventures, Inc	Louisa, KY
Sunrise Market #3	Chattanooga, TN
The Easley Corporation	Kailua Kona, HI
The PRIDE Stores	Chicago, IL
Thriftway Super Stops	Butte, MT
Toot'n Totum Food Stores, LLC	Amarillo, TX
Top Star Express Inc.	Emmaus, PA
Town Center Petroleum	Howard, OH
TRIO Stores	Vernon Hills, IL
True North Energy, LLC	Brecksville, OH

Turtle Stop
Tustin Arco
Ullman Oil Company, LLC
United Pacific
Victory Lane Fuel & Food
Volta Oil Company / Garrett's Family Market
VP23 Inc.
Wawa, Inc.
Wesco, Inc.
Westside Services Inc
Yatco
Young's Gourmet Market, Inc
Zoom Mart

Wyandotte, OK
Tustin, CA
Chagrin Falls, OH
Long Beach, CA
Troy, MO
Plymouth, MA
Kokomo, IN
Media, PA
Muskegon, MI
Greenbelt, MD
Marlborough, MA
Los Angeles, CA
Bay City, TX