

International Foodservice Distributors Association: Award recognizes commitment to policies that support business growth

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WASHINGTON, DC – The International Foodservice Distributors Association (IFDA) announced today that Congressman Grothman has been named a recipient of the 2018 Thomas Jefferson Award. The biannual award recognizes legislators whose voting record indicates strong support of policies that enable the U.S. foodservice distribution industry to create well-paying jobs, grow their businesses, and contribute to their local communities.

With a combined annual sales volume of almost \$300 billion, foodservice distributors play a crucial role in our nation's infrastructure. This industry ensures a safe and efficient supply chain of food and products for more than one million restaurants and foodservice outlets in the U.S. every day. Whether its dinner at your favorite local restaurant or your children's school lunch – the experience was made possible by a foodservice distributor.

“The foodservice distribution industry plays a vital role in our economy and culture, providing pay and benefits well above the national average,” said IFDA President and CEO Mark S. Allen. “Congressman Grothman recognizes the important contributions of this industry and his continued support is to be commended.”

The program was introduced in 1992 and was inspired by Thomas Jefferson, who in his first inaugural address said, “A wise and frugal government ... shall leave men ... free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned. This is the sum of good government.”

About the International Foodservice Distributors Association

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