



## **Senate Bill 866**

*Public Health - Chain Restaurants - Disclosure and Notice to Customers of Sodium and Added Sugars*

March 31, 2026

### ***Letter of Information***

Madame Chair and Members of the House Health Committee:

The Restaurant Association of Maryland appreciates the Senate amendments to Senate Bill 866.

The Senate amendments strike the menu warning icons requirement and instead requires a general notice on chain restaurant menus that "*standard menu items may contain high sodium or high sugar.*" The amended Senate bill also requires that full nutritional information be disclosed via QR code, online, or in a printed format upon customer request.

The Senate amendments address our concerns and make the bill more workable for our industry. Therefore, we would withdraw our opposition (take a neutral position) to Senate Bill 866 if no additional amendments are adopted in the House.

However, if the House amends Senate Bill 866 to require menu warning icons or conform it to the cross-file House Bill 1048 passed by the House, we would remain opposed for all the reasons previously shared in the written testimony and letters we submitted regarding House Bill 1048.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Melvin R. Thompson".

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