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### **AFRDS Statement**

From time to time, there is confusion among sponsors and other decision-makers about law(s) in particular states related to their impact on school fundraising.

These days, regulations and restrictions often apply to sales which are conducted on the school campus or during the school day.

Fundraising that does not occur on the school campus and that occurs outside of the official school day are not subject to the regulations or restrictions mentioned above by any state law.

AFRDS agrees that school nutrition and wellness policies should be focused on where they can be most effective – influencing food consumption by students at school. Off-campus fundraising, where items are purchased by the community, will remain a critical resource for schools needing funding for enrichment programs and products, such as field trips, educational technology, sports team uniforms, music department equipment, etc.

Schools and non-profit organizations raise \$1.4 billion annually through the sale of popular consumer items, according to statistics from the Association of Fund-Raising Distributors and Suppliers (AFRDS).