



- ⊗ TAMA is a statewide association formed over 50 years ago to support the common interests of member operating convenience service companies and suppliers. The services provided include traditional vending, micro markets, pantry, coffee, water, catering, and foodservice.
- ⊗ Nationwide, convenience services are a \$31.3B a year industry, made up of 13,500 companies, employing 159,382 people, accounting for \$9.4B in wages, and contributing \$3.6B in taxes.
- ⊗ In Tennessee, convenience services are a \$607 million-a-year industry, employing 3,500 people accounting for \$189 million in wages, and contributing \$71 million in taxes.
- ⊗ Convenience services are important to working men and women of Tennessee because **we provide economical food and beverages at the workplace**. This improves efficiency, promotes safety, and saves energy. Approximately 100 million Americans use convenience services daily.
- ⊗ TAMA supports expansion of micro markets. Micro markets replace a bank of vending machines and resembles an unattended retail location. Micro markets expand choices and offer healthy options for customers.
- ⊗ TAMA supports state policy requiring operators to pay a fair share of taxes at every level. However, operators should not be singled out by any government body for taxation specifically levied against them, or the products sold to fund new programs.
- ⊗ TAMA members encourage suppliers to develop **healthy** items to sell in vending machines and micro markets. TAMA members seek to make healthy options available, but oppose **government regulations aimed at limiting consumer choice**.
- ⊗ TAMA members support and encourage all efforts to improve health through **education and accessibility**. Accordingly, our products **disclose full nutritional information** on the Nutritional Facts Panel. NAMA has developed the Fit-Pick Program to help consumers educate themselves and **easily identify healthy snacking options**.
- ⊗ NAMA, with the support of the Partnership for a Healthier America and the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, has adopted a public health commitment to substantially increase the percentage of “better for you” offerings to 33% in the nation’s vending machines.
- ⊗ TAMA members support and encourage recycling of bottles and materials through existing programs to promote recycling. TAMA members oppose individual product taxes to fund new recycling programs as existing programs remain effective.