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Minnesota Grocers Association Announces Drug Disposal Awareness Program in Efforts to Fight Opioid Abuse

St. Paul, MN – September 16, 2020 – The Minnesota Grocers Association (MGA) in partnership with Rx Abuse Leadership Initiative (RALI) of Minnesota is pleased to announce a statewide industry Drug Disposal Awareness Program. This program takes forward steps in preventing substance misuse and addiction in our communities.

“We are proud to play a role in this collective effort to end opioid abuse in Minnesota,” said Jamie Pfuhl, president of the MGA. “As a community partner, we are pleased to be able to provide a resource to our neighbors.”

Now, more than ever, it is critical that we take steps to prevent substance misuse and addiction, starting in our own homes. Thanks to RALI, the Minnesota Grocers Association will be distributing free disposal pouches as part of our Drug Disposal Awareness Program to help people properly dispose of any unwanted or expired medications. This is a critically important effort to help our communities address the opioid crisis. You can pick up a free medication disposal pouch at many of your local grocery stores. Additional pouches are available from the MGA through our Facebook page. Visit facebook.com/MNGrocers for more information.

***The Minnesota Grocers Association (MGA)** is the only state trade association that represents the food industry of Minnesota from farm to fork. We are one of the oldest trade associations in the state, celebrating over 120 years of advancing industry. We have over 300 retail, manufacture, and wholesale members supporting nearly 1,300 locations statewide. Our member companies employ over 150,000 union and non-union Minnesotans. We actively advance the common interest of all those engaged in any aspect of the retail food industry as a leader and advocate in government affairs.*

***The Rx Abuse Leadership Initiative (RALI)** of Minnesota supports programs that prevent the misuse of prescription medicines so that more lives can be saved from the opioid crisis. We do this by bringing together community leaders and elected officials who are committed to finding effective solutions and sharing ideas that will make a difference across our state. Learn more at ralimn.org.*

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