



## ALABAMA GROCERS ASSOCIATION

*The Voice of the Grocery Industry*

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### Alabama Grocers Association Endorses Rick Pate for Lieutenant Governor

**Birmingham, AL** — The Alabama Grocers Association (AGA), the leading voice of the grocery industry in the state of Alabama, has officially endorsed **Rick Pate** in his campaign for **Lieutenant Governor**.

Founded in 1990, AGA is committed to advocating for a business environment that creates, protects, and promotes the grocery industry across Alabama.

“Commissioner Pate understands the role of the grocery industry and its importance to the economic development of the state of Alabama,” said **Ellie Taylor**, President of the Alabama Grocers Association. “State laws and regulations have a direct impact on our member companies, and I am confident he will continue to work with the grocery industry as a partner to strengthen businesses in Alabama.”

Pate graciously accepted the endorsement, highlighting his ongoing collaboration with the Association:

“I am honored to receive the support of the Alabama Grocers Association. They have worked with me from the beginning to promote local food and businesses in our great state. Together, we’ve advocated for food safety while eliminating unnecessary barriers and regulations that hinder small business profitability. I look forward to continuing our partnership.”

The grocery industry is a major driver of Alabama’s economy, providing more than **188,000 jobs**, paying **over \$6.8 billion in annual wages**, and contributing **over \$1.5 billion in state taxes**. The industry’s **total economic impact** exceeds **\$18 billion** annually.

#### About the Alabama Grocers Association

The Alabama Grocers Association is a state trade association representing the grocery retail industry since 1990. With more than **135 retail members** operating more than **850 stores**, as well as over **225 manufacturers, brokers, wholesalers, and other industry partners**, the AGA serves as the voice of Alabama’s grocery industry.

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### Endorsement Alert!

The Alabama Grocers Association proudly endorses **Rick Pate** for **Lieutenant Governor** of Alabama!

“Commissioner Pate understands the vital role grocers play in our state’s economy—and he’s been a true partner in supporting business growth.” – Ellie Taylor, AGA President



188K+ jobs | \$18B+ impact



Proven leadership. Pro-business vision.

#AlabamaGrocers #Endorsement #LieutenantGovernor #RickPate #SupportLocal  
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