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BRIAN DEBANO ELECTED TO COUNCIL OF STATE RESTAURANT ASSOCIATIONS BOARD

Lansing, MI – The Michigan Restaurant Association (MRA) is pleased to announce that President and CEO Brian DeBano has been elected to the Council of State Restaurant Association's (CSRA) Board of Directors. DeBano was elected to the position, which begins in January 2015, at the CSRA annual government relationships annual conference held in November in Clearwater Beach, Florida.

CSRA exists to foster and promote the best interests of the state restaurant associations. This includes providing a forum for the exchange of experiences and opinion among restaurant association executives; ensuring that relationships with the National Restaurant Association and their affiliated organizations are beneficial to the state restaurant associations and their restaurant members; and facilitating initiatives to benefit state restaurant associations.

DeBano joined the MRA in June 2011. Prior to that he worked in state government for more than 20 years, including serving as Chief Operating Officer and Chief of Staff for then Michigan Secretary of State, Terri Lynn Land.

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The Michigan Restaurant Association (MRA) is the recognized leader of Michigan's hospitality industry, providing essential services to the foodservice community. Founded in 1921, the MRA represents more than 4,500 Michigan foodservice establishments. The industry plays an integral role in Michigan's economy, employing nearly 400,000 people and creating nearly \$13.4 billion in annual sales.