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independent grocers, wholesalers and consumer product vendors.*

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## **PFMA hosts third-annual Fall Legislative Conference in Harrisburg**

HARRISBURG, PA (Oct. 2, 2018) – The Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association (PFMA) held its third-annual Fall Legislative Conference at the Hilton Hotel in Harrisburg October 1-2, providing legislative insight and educational opportunities for attendees.

The event featured informational sessions on reputation management, tax reform, and recent changes and initiatives in the Pennsylvania Lottery, as well as a panel discussion on gaming and video gaming terminal (VGT) updates. Keynote speaker Jim Glassman, Head Economist for Commercial Banking for JP Morgan Chase & Co., provided perspective on economic trends and its impact on the food and beverage industry.

“We’re thankful to our corporate leadership sponsors and our members who help make our fall conference a success,” PFMA President & CEO Alex Baloga said. “The conference and educational opportunities are designed to shed light on legislative and policy issues that affect our members, their employees, and customers.”

Attendees included representatives from retail food establishments, food and beverage wholesalers, gaming companies, casinos, financial institutions, and other businesses. Presenters included Tracy Pawelski of PPO&S (Reputation Management); Ed Kollar, Paul Bishop, and Ilya Lipin of Baker Tilly (Tax Reform Update); Drew Svitko of the Pennsylvania Lottery (Lottery Program Update); and the panel discussion on gaming/VGT updates included Rutter’s President & CEO Scott Hartman (moderator), Paul Rankin of Country Fair stores, Amy Christie of Commonwealth Gaming, and Derek Harmer of Accel Entertainment.

For more information and photos of the conference, visit [www.pfma.org](http://www.pfma.org) or follow PFMA on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

### **About PFMA**

*The Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association, a statewide trade association, advocates the views of nearly 800 convenience stores, supermarkets, independent grocers, wholesalers and consumer product vendors. PFMA members operate more than 3,200 stores and employ more than 150,000 Pennsylvanians. For more information on PFMA, visit [www.pfma.org](http://www.pfma.org).*

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