



# NEWS RELEASE

*The Cornerstone of the Economy, Career Opportunities and Community Involvement*  
1200 SEVENTEENTH STREET NW, WASHINGTON DC, 20036 | [WWW.RESTAURANT.ORG](http://WWW.RESTAURANT.ORG)

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
January 24, 2007

**CONTACT:** Mike Donohue  
(202) 331-5902

[media@dineout.org](mailto:media@dineout.org)

## **National Restaurant Association Lauds Deal on Federal Stimulus Package**

(Washington, DC) – The National Restaurant Association made the following statement today in reaction to the announced agreement between President Bush and Congressional leaders on an economic stimulus package:

“We applaud the bipartisan leadership of President Bush and congressional leaders in providing a timely stimulus to the nation’s economy,” said John Gay, senior vice president for government affairs and public policy at the National Restaurant Association. “The rebates allowing taxpayers to retain more of their hard-earned income will provide a needed boost to the economy. Further, the agreement includes measures on expensing and bonus depreciation that will provide incentives for small-business owners to invest in their firms and hire new employees. A healthy economy is vitally important to the restaurant industry and the nation, and we urge swift action in Congress to pass this beneficial stimulus deal.”

###

The National Restaurant Association, founded in 1919, is the leading business association for the restaurant industry, which is comprised of 945,000 restaurant and foodservice outlets and a work force of 13.1 million employees – making it the cornerstone of the economy, career and employment opportunities and community involvement. Along with the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation, the Association works to represent, educate and promote the rapidly growing industry. For more information, visit our Web site at [www.restaurant.org](http://www.restaurant.org)