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Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association hires Michael Howells to serve as Association Services Manager

CAMP HILL, Pa. – (July 7, 2020): Michael Howells has joined the Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association as Association Services Manager, in charge of leading PFMA’s legislative and regulatory issues research, committee meeting schedules, and conference and webinar agenda development.

Howells worked at [Pennsylvania Legislative Services](#) for 15 years, serving in a variety of capacities, most recently vice president of content. Among other duties, he oversaw the issues-based news service *The PLS Reporter*. He also served as senior editor, special projects manager, and legislative reporter and legislative data specialist. He has also worked as a freelance writer for Sparks, Nev.-based Conjecture Corporation, writing weekly articles on various topics ranging from industrial and commercial issues to technology and computer-related subjects.

His first day at PFMA is July 7.

“We are very pleased to welcome Michael to our staff,” PFMA President & CEO Alex Baloga said. “Michael’s experience in the Pennsylvania legislative arena will be vital to performing the responsibilities of the Association Services Manager position and we are confident he will be an asset to the organization.”

Howells holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Gettysburg College, where he concentrated in international relations. He is published author, holds memberships to various local and statewide organizations, and is a Library of Congress “By the People” project volunteer.

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 3,500 stores and employ more than 200,000 Pennsylvanians. For more information on PFMA, visit www.pfma.org.