On the one hand, states and localities fund obesity and chronic disease prevention. On the other, they serve and sell soda, chips, candy, and other foods that promote obesity and disease. Food service guidelines help to address this contradiction.

States and localities across the country are realizing that serving and selling unhealthy food contradicts their obesity and chronic disease prevention efforts. States and localities can walk-the-talk by ensuring healthier options are available to visitors, participants, and the 19 million Americans who work for states and localities.

Fortunately, selling healthy food is good for business. The national vending machine operator association (NAMA):

"Vendors reported that healthy food attributed as much as a 25% upswing in sales."

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