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STATEMENT OF SENATOR TOM HARKIN (D-IA) ON THE AMERICAN BEVERAGE ASSOCIATION'S NEW POLICY ON THE SALE OF BEVERAGES IN SCHOOL VENDING MECHINES

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"The American Beverage Association's announcement that they will limit sodas and soft drinks in American schools is a positive step forward. This new policy acknowledges what I have long believed--- that all sectors of society have a role to play in promoting sound nutrition and fighting obesity among American youth-- and I am very pleased that they have taken this action."

"While this is an improvement, it is only a start. While it provides some kids with a reduced number of soft drink selections during the school day, I believe these new policies do not go far enough, particularly at the middle school and high school levels. The proposal still allows middle-school children ready access to sweetened drinks with virtually no nutritional value. And high schools students will be unconstrained in their ability to drink unlimited amounts of soft drinks."