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## Market Solutions to Obesity

## Good for Business and Public Health



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# Conduct Studies/Analyses to Determine Business \& Market Solutions to Obesity and Healthier Eating 



## Consumer Packaged Goods (CPG) Companies Evaluated



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## Restaurant Chains Evaluated

## Applebees




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## Key Finding \#1: <br> Better-for-you/lower-calorie items are good for business

New Lower-Calorie Items Are More Successful


Source: AC Nielsen ScanTrack - 5-year period ending December 31, 2012

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CPG Companies Growing Their Lower-Calorie Products Increased Total Sales; Companies That Didn't Declined


Source: AC Nielsen Scan'Track - 5-year period ending December 31, 2012 (flat $=$ chg. $<0.1 \%$ )

## Key Finding \#2:

Companies Are Improving Their Products

Healthy Weight Commitment Foundation member companies
EXCEEDED THEIR
CALORIE REDUCTION GOAL BY

OUR GOAL
1.5 Trillion

FEWER CALORIES PER YEAR



## FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS IN PUBLIC HEALTH INITIATIVES

## $\$ 300$ million 自退

## in expenditures

on nutrition and health-related
activities and grants to communities
between 2002 and 2013

Kelley Drye \& Warren, LLP \& Georgetown Economic Services LLC. (2014, August). GMA 2014 Company Health \& Wellness Initiatives Survey (Covering 2002-2013)

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## New Fast Food Options Average 60 Fewer Calories



## Key Finding \#3:

Market Trends Already Accelerating Declines in Traditionally Less Healthy Categories

## French Fry Servings Declining in Top Soda/Fries Chains

French Fry Trends (2006 to 2011)

Fries Share of Total Foods

\% Change in Servings


Source: NPD Group/Crest - QSR chains $>\$ 3$ billion; Fries $>20 \%$ of chain servings

## Soda Consumption Down Sharply from Peak



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## Soda Tax Controversy

- San Francisco and Berkeley the latest to place soda taxes on the ballot

- Will increase municipal revenues
- Soda consumption will decline
- Calories/sugar already in steep decline
- Negligible impact on obesity rates (due to "substitution effect")
- An Existential Threat, not an alignment strategy

6-pack
+\$1.44

## Case Study: Danish "Fat Tax"

- Tax on butter, milk, cheese, pizza, meat, oil and processed food with a saturated fat content above 2.3 \%
- Included chips and other snack items, even if saturated fat $<2.3 \%$
- Instituted despite falling per capita consumption vs. early 1990s (similar to soda category):
- Butter (-67\%)
- Margarine (-48\%)
- Fats ( $-20 \%$ )
- Pork (-44\%)



## Result: Tax Repealed

- Tax did bring in incremental revenues (\$216 million)
- The price of Danish foods hit by the tax increased by up to $9 \%$

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\text { - Butter }+\$ 0.37 \text { per } 1 / 2 \text { pound }
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- $80 \%$ of consumers said they had not altered their consumption after the fat tax was imposed
- Estimated loss of Danish jobs at 1,300
- Trans-border trade in fats, oils, cheese and meat estimated to have doubled between 2010 and 2011, going from 10 million to 20 million euros
- Net: fat consumption in Denmark has been on a long-term downward trend, and no tax incentive was needed for this to happen


Source: "Nutrition" taxes: the costs of Denmark's fat tax, Institut économique Molinar, May, 2013

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## Taxes Ignore Harsh Economic Realities

## Median Household Income, 1967-2012



FIGURE 3
The middle-class share of national income continues to stagnate near record lows Share of aggregate income going to the middle 60 percent of households


Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, "Table H-2. Share of Aggregate Income Received by Each Fifth and Top 5 Percent of Households:"


| Real Household Income Declines from Peak Year |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Household <br> Segment | Peak Year | Peak <br> Income | 2013 <br> Income | Percent <br> Change |
| Top 5\% | 2006 | $\$ 343,608$ | $\$ 322,343$ | $-6.2 \%$ |
| Top Quintile | 2006 | $\$ 194,296$ | $\$ 185,206$ | $-4.7 \%$ |
| 2nd Quintile | 2007 | $\$ 88,880$ | $\$ 83,519$ | $-6.0 \%$ |
| Middle Quintile | 2000 | $\$ 57,129$ | $\$ 52,322$ | $-8.4 \%$ |
| 4th Quintile | 2000 | $\$ 34,306$ | $\$ 30,509$ | $-11.1 \%$ |
| Bottom Quintile | 1999 | $\$ 13,861$ | $\$ 11,651$ | $-15.9 \%$ |
| Source: Census Bureau, chained in 2013 dollars |  |  |  |  |

## Taxes Ignore Harsh Economic Realities



## Taxes Ignore Sharp Declines in Physical Activity



Source: Ng SW, Popkin BM. Time use and physical activity: a shift away from movement across the globe. Obes Rev. 2012;13(8):659-680.

## Taxes Ignore Divergent Consumer Behaviors



WELL BEINGS®:
19\%


Pure \& Simple


FOOD ACTIVES®: 18\%

Mainstream Healthy


FENCE SITTERS®:
20\%
'Wannabe' Healthy


MAGIC BULLETS®: 23\%
'Whenever" Healthy

Healthier \& Convenient
Pills = Health


EAT, DRINK \& BE MERRYS®: 20\%

Least Health Active

Taste \& Indulgence

## Unadulterated

"Better-for-you"

## Higher Regular CSD Consumption Not Directly Tied to Obesity Rates

Total U.S. Volume Index (in pounds) - Regular CSD


Implications for Policy Research

## 1. Demonstrate the Business Case

- Best practice case studies
- Success stories
- Pilots (especially for retail)
- Track progress


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## 2. Compare Them to Their Peers

## J.D. Power

2013 U.S. Initial Quality Study" (IQS)

## 2013 Nameplate IQS Ranking

Problems per 100 Vehicles (PP100)


CSR Metrics


- Workplace wellness
- BFY food progress
- Healthier communities


# 3. Leverage Industry's Marketing Strengths to Accomplish Public Health Goals 

"BFY" Opportunity Matrix

Convertible Consumer Population (Fence Sitters)


# Thank You! 

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