



## **For Immediate Release**

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### **Peanut Butter in Girl Scout Cookies Not Affected by Warning**

Roanoke, VA – Girl Scout Cookies® made with peanut butter through two licensed bakers, ABC Interbake and Little Brownie Bakers, are not affected by the recent warning concerning the supplier involved in the investigation of a salmonella outbreak caused by tainted peanut butter.

ABC Interbake, the bakery used by Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline Council, does not source their peanut butter from the supplier, Peanut Corporation of America (PCA), which is the reported focus of the investigation. PCA does not supply peanut butter used in any variety of Girl Scout Cookies®.

In a statement from ABC Interbake, “Interbake Foods can assure the volunteers, parents, girls and customers of the Girl Scout Councils that work with us that the peanut butter in our cookies is not linked to the salmonella contamination. The two peanut butter cookies made by ABC for Girl Scouting are Peanut Butter Patties and Peanut Butter Sandwiches. The FDA has audited our supplier, Hampton Farms, in the past week. The FDA has informed Hampton Farms that the audit revealed no issues. The samples taken showed no contamination and the records supported Hampton Farms' reports that they have neither shipped to nor received peanut butter from PCA.”

Every effort is made to ensure food safety and quality in the making of our cookies by Girl Scouts and our bakeries. The Girl Scout Cookie program is the nation's premier entrepreneurial and educational program for girls and we appreciate the continued support from our local communities as together, we strive to make a difference in the lives of girls.

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