



## **The Juice Products Association Welcomes Reintroduction of the *Defending Domestic Orange Juice Production Act***

**Washington, D.C.**— The Juice Products Association (JPA) applauds Representatives Scott Franklin and Debbie Wasserman Schultz for reintroduction of the bipartisan *Defending Domestic Orange Juice Production Act* (H.R. 933), which is co-sponsored by the entire Florida Delegation. This legislation directs the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to amend the Brix standard for pasteurized orange juice from 10.5% to 10%. This moderate yet essential adjustment would better align with the natural makeup of the current domestic orange crop which has been devastated by natural disasters and citrus greening disease.

By permitting a lower Brix level for pasteurized orange juice, FDA would be providing critical flexibility to the industry while not impacting the safety, taste, or nutritional value of pasteurized orange juice. The JPA shares the commitment to advocating for relief to alleviate the burdens faced by the citrus industry, including growers, processors, and all stakeholders who rely on this important domestic commodity. We stand ready work with Congress to pass H.R. 933 and with FDA to expedite rulemaking to make this necessary change.