



## **Juice Products Association Backs the *Defending Domestic Orange Juice Production Act***

**Washington, D.C.**—The Juice Products Association (JPA) stands firmly behind Senators Rick Scott (R-FL) and Ashley Moody (R-FL) in introducing the *Defending Domestic Orange Juice Production Act*. This critical legislation, which would direct the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to amend the Brix (naturally occurring level of fruit sugar) standard for pasteurized orange juice from 10.5% to 10%, is a necessary adjustment that reflects the ongoing challenges facing domestic citrus growers due to citrus greening disease and the impact of natural disasters.

This bill would provide much-needed flexibility to the industry while ensuring that pasteurized orange juice maintains its safety, taste, and nutritional value. JPA remains steadfast in its commitment to supporting policies that strengthen orange juice production and alleviate burdens on growers, processors, and all stakeholders in the citrus supply chain. We stand ready to work with Congress to pass both Senate and House versions of this important legislation and with the FDA to expedite rulemaking to quickly make this necessary change.