

**Ahold USA Earns Top Marks In 2018 Corporate Equality Index**  
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**Ahold USA Earns 100 percent on Human Rights Campaign Foundation's 16th Annual Scorecard on LGBTQ Workplace Equality**

CARLISLE, Pa., Nov. 9, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Ahold USA, parent company of leaders in supermarkets and e-commerce, proudly announced that it received a perfect score of 100 percent on the 2018 Corporate Equality Index (CEI), a national benchmarking survey and report on corporate policies and practices related to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) workplace equality, administered by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation.

"At Ahold USA, we strive to represent the many diverse communities we serve, and we are proud to support the LGBTQ community throughout the entire organization," said Subarna Malakar, vice president, global diversity and inclusion. "It's truly an honor to receive a perfect score on the Corporate Equality Index and we know our associates are proud of this important accomplishment."

The 2018 CEI report evaluates LGBTQ-related policies and practices including non-discrimination workplace protections, domestic partner benefits, transgender-inclusive health care benefits, competency programs and public engagement with the LGBTQ community. Ahold USA's efforts in satisfying all of the CEI's criteria results in a 100 percent ranking and the designation as a Best Place to Work for LGBTQ Equality.

For more information on the 2018 Corporate Equality Index, or to download a free copy of the report, visit [www.hrc.org/cei](http://www.hrc.org/cei).

*The Human Rights Campaign Foundation is the educational arm of America's largest civil rights organization working to achieve equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual transgender and queer people. HRC envisions a world where LGBTQ people are embraced as full members of society at home, at work and in every community.*

**About Ahold USA**

Ahold USA is a proud company of Ahold Delhaize, one of the world's largest food retail groups, a leader in supermarkets and e-commerce, and a company at the forefront of sustainable retailing. Ahold USA supports four Brands – Stop & Shop New England, Stop & Shop New York Metro, Giant Landover, and Giant Carlisle – that operate approximately 780 supermarkets with 115,000 associates in 14 states and the District of Columbia along with Peapod, the nation's leading e-commerce grocery shopping/delivery service. For more information, visit [www.aholddelhaize.com](http://www.aholddelhaize.com).

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