Dear Secretary Rollins:

On behalf of ORGANIZATION, I/We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) reorganization plan, as outlined in the [memorandum](https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/sm-1078-015.pdf) issued on July 24, 2025.

[Share information about you/your organization and the role you play in advancing access to the federal nutrition programs]

**We are deeply concerned that this proposed reorganization will dismantle a department with critical responsibilities, resulting in real consequences for the millions of children, parents, older adults, veterans, people with disabilities, and all those who depend on these nutrition programs to be food secure.**

Relocating thousands of federal employees from the Washington, D.C., area and consolidating the regional offices will result in an outsized loss of expertise and capacity. **Delays in critical services and gaps in oversight are more likely when experienced staff choose to resign rather than move, and when critical offices needed for technical support are dismantled.**

[Share information on food insecurity and hunger in your community and how the federal nutrition programs administered by USDA play a role in combatting this.]

**Additionally, reducing the number of regional offices from seven to five will further increase disruptions to services**. These regional offices often provide the first line of support for state and tribal agencies administering the federal nutrition programs, especially those that are under-resourced and rely heavily on the support for compliance and technical assistance. This consolidation will likely delay the review and approval of key waivers or program management plans.

[Share information on how you engage/how partners engage with the regional office in your work and how changes to regional offices could negatively impact your work.]

**We urge USDA to commit to maintaining or expanding its capacity in administering the federal nutrition programs, not reducing it. We also urge USDA to pause the implementation of this reorganization and facilitate a transparent process that includes consultation with Congress, state agencies, national and local partners, and impacted USDA staff.**