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U.S. House of Representatives

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U.S. House of Representatives

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Senate Majority Leader
U.S. Senate

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June 1, 2026

Dear Speaker Johnson, Democratic Minority Leader Jeffries, Majority Leader Thune, Democratic Minority Leader Schumer, Chairwoman Collins, Vice Chair Murray, Chairman Hoeven, Ranking Member Shaheen, Chairman Cole, Ranking Member DeLauro, Chairman Harris, Ranking Member Bishop:

We, the 343 undersigned national, state, and community-based organizations, urge you to protect and strengthen nutrition and health services for infants, young children, and pregnant and postpartum women by: funding the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program

for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) at a level that will ensure everyone eligible who applies can receive the full benefits and services of the program in fiscal year 2027 (FY 27); and making the flexible service options currently in place permanent. WIC is a bedrock of our nation's health, and for more than 30 years, Congress has maintained a bipartisan commitment to fully fund the program.

WIC provides nearly 7 million pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women, infants, and children up to age 5 in households with low income and found to be at nutrition risk with nutrition education, breastfeeding support, health care referrals, and access to vitally needed nutritious foods during the most essential periods for healthy development.

The proposed FY 27 Agriculture Appropriations bill recently reported out of the House Appropriations Committee would underfund WIC, slashing essential benefits WIC families use at the grocery store, corner store, or farmers' market, and make WIC less accessible. The legislation would also cut WIC's fruit and vegetable benefit and fails to make flexible service options — which modernize WIC by allowing WIC agencies and clinics to offer phone or video appointments — permanent.

Poor nutrition has detrimental impacts on infant, child, and maternal health and well-being. WIC is a proven strategy to improve health outcomes and spur local economic activity, but it can only be effective if people can access the program and have the full range of evidence-based benefits, including the fruits and vegetable benefit. WIC allows families to access the nutritionally tailored food they need to grow and thrive.

For more than 50 years, WIC has been improving the health of mothers and babies, and in recent decades has been modernizing to meet opportunities and challenges. The current flexible service options that allow WIC families to utilize phone and video conferencing to complete certain WIC appointments have created efficiencies for families and WIC agencies. These options are especially helpful for families in rural areas where transportation can be a challenge, and for working parents who have to balance work and appointment schedules. Without Congressional action these flexible service options could end as early as September 2026, representing a step backwards for WIC clinics and participants.

By supporting full funding for WIC benefits and services, Congress will continue its 30-year bipartisan commitment to supporting the program. Any funding below that amount is detrimental and will harm the nutrition and health outcomes of mothers, babies, and young children across our nation.

We urge you to continue Congress' long-standing bipartisan support for WIC by fully funding the program and services, maintaining the current value of the fruit and vegetable benefit, and ensuring current flexible service options continue.

Signed by:

National Organizations

3W Consulting

Advocates for Better Children's Diets

Alliance to End Hunger

American College of Nurse-Midwives

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

American Friends Service Committee

American Heart Association

Association of State Public Health Nutritionists

Autistic People of Color Fund

Center for Rural Affairs

Center for Science in the Public Interest

Children's Defense Fund

Children's HealthWatch

Coalition on Human Needs

Common Threads

Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children (DEC)

End Hunger Network

Families USA

Family Voices National

First Focus on Children

Food & Water Watch

Food Research & Action Center

FoodCorps

Generations United

HealthConnect One

Home Gown

Hunger Free America

Hunger Solutions Consulting

Just Solutions

March of Dimes

MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger

MomsRising

National Action Network

National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities

National Association of County & City Health Officials

National Association of Social Workers

National Council of Jewish Women

National Diaper Bank Network
National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)
National Education Association
National Indigenous and Native American WIC Coalition
National PTA
National WIC Association
National Women's Law Center
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies
ParentsTogether Action
Poetry X Hunger
Prevent Child Abuse America and Healthy Families America
Public Advocacy for Kids (PAK)
Reach Out and Read
RESULTS
Rogan's List
Save the Children
Share Our Strength
Southern Poverty Law Center
The Arc of the US
The Center for Law and Social Policy
The Society of Saint Andrew, Inc.
TOOTRiS
UnidosUS
Union for Reform Judaism
Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice
Wholesome Wave
WZA Consultant
ZERO TO THREE

Alabama

Feeding Alabama
New Direction Childcare Facility

Alaska

Alaska Farmers Market Association
Alaska Food Policy Council
Bread Line, Inc.
Food Bank of Alaska
Helping Hands Food Bank
Ketchikan Wellness Coalition
Soldotna United Methodist Church/Soldotna Food Pantry
Southeast Alaska Food Bank

Arizona

Arizona Food Bank Network
Children's Action Alliance
Morenci Unified School District
Prevent Child Abuse Arizona

Arkansas

Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

California

California Food Banks
California WIC Association
Center for Healthy Communities
Childhood Obesity Initiative
Community Action Partnership of Orange County
Courage California
End Child Poverty California
Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano
Friends In Deed
Glide Foundation
Hunger Action Los Angeles Inc
Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank
James's Solar
Kidango, Inc.
Los Angeles Regional Food Bank
Magana Vianca Family Child Care
NCJW|LA
Nourishing Generations Educational Project
Orange County United Way
Parable of the Sower Intentional Community Cooperative
Peer Voices United-Sacramento
San Diego for Every Child
San Francisco-Marin Food Bank
Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County
Second Harvest of Silicon Valley
Shelter From the Storm, Inc.
Sisters of St. Joseph Healthcare Foundation
The Ocean Park Child Care Foundation
Western Center on Law & Poverty

Colorado

Colorado Consumer Health Initiative
Denver Food Rescue

Eagle County Public Health & Environment
Hunger Free Colorado
Provecho Collective

Connecticut

Connecticut Voices for Children
The Foodshed Network

Delaware

Food Bank of Delaware

District of Columbia

Bread For the City
D.C. Hunger Solutions

Florida

E-RoadMap
Florida Impact

Georgia

Small World Family Learning Home

Hawaii

Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!

Idaho

Intermountain Fair Housing Council, Inc.

Illinois

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
Chicago Jobs Council
Cook County Department of Public Health
Debra's Tiny Tots
Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry
Greater Chicago Food Depository
New Moms
Prevent Child Abuse Illinois
Raising Illinois PN3 Coalition

Indiana

Indy Hunger Network
Lafayette Urban Ministry
MCCOY (Marion County Commission on Youth)
United Way of Central Indiana

Wee Can Daycare

Iowa

Coralville Community Food Pantry
Des Moines Area Religious Council
Iowa Hunger Coalition
Keep Your Paws at Home
Save the Children Action Network Iowa

Kansas

Flint Hills Breadbasket
Food and Farm Council of Riley County and City of Manhattan, KS.
Johnson County (KS) Department of Health and Environment
Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition
Kansas Rural Center
Live Well Geary County

Kentucky

Kentucky Center for Economic Policy

Maine

Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust
Community Regional Charter School
Full Plates Full Potential
Locker Project
Maine Children's Alliance
Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association
Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program

Maryland

Allegany College of Maryland Student Pantry
Anne Arundel County Food Bank, Inc.
Community Engagement and Consultation Group Inc.
Julie Community Center
Justice & Advocacy Coalition of Montgomery County
Manna Food Center
Maryland Hunger Solutions

Massachusetts

Community Harvest Project
Community Survival Center
Health Equity Partnership of North Central MA
Helping Hand Food Pantry
Legal Key Partnership for Health and Justice

Mass General Brigham
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, Inc.
MetroWest Food Collaborative
Project Bread
RESULTS-Massachusetts
Strategies for Children
The Food Project
The Greater Boston Food Bank
Trinity Health Of New England
Worcester Area Mission Society, UCC

Michigan

Comstock Community Center
Kent County Essential Needs Task Force
Michigan Council for Maternal Child Health
SECOM

Minnesota

Children's Minnesota
Division Of Indian Work
Doctors for Early Childhood
Elders for Infants
Indigenous Breastfeeding Coalition of Minnesota
ISIAH
Local Public Health Association of Minnesota
Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board
Minnesota Association for Children's Mental Health
Minnesota Association for Family and Early Education (MNAFEE)
Minnesota Budget Project
Minnesota Child Care Association
Minnesota Coalition for Family Home Visiting
Minnesota Community Education Association
Minnesota Head Start Association Inc
Minnesota Society for Public Health Education (MN SOPHE)
Nitamising Gimashkikinaan Our First Medicine
The Food Group
Tri-Community Food Shelf

Mississippi

Mississippi Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities
Mississippi Early Learning Alliance

Missouri

Andrew County Health Department

Audrain County Health Dept
Circle of Concern Food Pantry
Cooper County Public Health Center
Empower Missouri
Missouri Budget Project
Missouri Public Health Association
Missouri Public Health Institute
New Madrid County Health Department
Osage County Health Department
Putnam County Health Department
St. Louis Integrated Health Network
Think+Pray+Act
Tri-County Health Department

Montana

Butte-Silver Bow WIC
Missoula Food Bank & Community Center
Montana Association of WIC Agencies
Montana Food Bank Network

Nebraska

Nebraska Appleseed
Together
Voices for Children in Nebraska

Nevada

Food Bank of Northern Nevada
Three Square Food Bank

New Hampshire

NH Hunger Solutions

New Jersey

RWJBH Trinitas WIC
St. Peter's Haven

New Mexico

Roadrunner Food Bank

New York

Catholic Charities Brooklyn & Queens
Children's Defense Fund - New York
Church Women United in New York State
Citizens' Committee for Children of New York

Early Care & Learning Council
Elmhurst WIC Program
Fulmont Community Action Agency WIC Program
Gordon Heights SDA Pantry
Hunger Solutions New York
Kingston Emergency Food Collaborative (KEFC)
Long Island Cares - The Harry Chapin Food Bank
MMCC
NYS American Academy of Pediatrics
Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy
Stony Brook Medicine
The Children's Agenda
The ODA WIC of Williamsburg WIC Program
Warren County Health Services

North Carolina

Eva Clayton Rural Food Institute
Karen's Day Care
Meals4Families
The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina

North Dakota

Cass Clay Hunger Coalition
Creating a Hunger Free North Dakota
Health Care Facility Assessment

Ohio

Children's Defense Fund-Ohio
Children's Hunger Alliance
Hunger Network or Greater Cleveland
Shared Harvest Foodbank
YWCA Columbus

Oklahoma

Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma

Oregon

Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon
Rogue Food Unites
Salvation Army

Pennsylvania

Allies for Children
Community Health Services, Inc. WIC Program

Cumberland County Food System Alliance
Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank
Healthy Start, Inc.
Helping Hands for the Hungry
Holy Angels Parish Food Pantry
Just Harvest
Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children
Philabundance
Share Food Program
The Restaurant Opportunities Center of Pennsylvania (ROC PA)
United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania

Rhode Island

Jonnycake Center for Hope
New Beginnings Inc
Rhode Island Interfaith Coalition to Reduce Poverty
URI Feinstein Center for a Hunger Free America

South Carolina

FoodShare South Carolina
Institute for Child Success
Limitless Community Development
Lowcountry Food Bank
NAACP South Carolina State Conference
Oconee Food Council
Serving at risk families everywhere, Inc.
South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center

South Dakota

Bread for the World -South Dakota Chapter

Tennessee

Chattanooga Area Food Bank
Liberty Hill Daycare
Nashville Diaper Connection
Polk County Schools
Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee
Tennessee Justice Center
The Urban Child Institute

Texas

Houston Food Bank
Somos Spring Branch

Utah

Child Management Associates
Helping Hands Inc
Utahns Against Hunger

Vermont

Alliance for Community Transformations (ACT)
Burlington Farmers Market
Connecting Cultures
Deerfield Valley Food Pantry, Inc
Greater Bennington Community Services
Neighbors In Action
Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont
Richmond Food Shelf & Thrift Store
Vermont Environmental Justice Network
Vermont Foodbank

Virginia

Bedford, VA Farmers Market
Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank
Harrisonburg Farmers Market
Lynchburg Grows
Project GROWS
River Street Education
Shalom Farms
Social Action Linking Together (SALT)
Virginia Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
Wakefield Market

Washington

Anti-Hunger & Nutrition Coalition
Hunger Intervention Program
Islamic Civic Engagement Project
Nutrition First, Washington WIC Association
Post Secondary Basic Needs Coalition
RESULTS Washington
Seattle Neighborhood Farmers Markets
Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness
University District Food Bank
Washington State Association of Head Start and ECEAP
Whatcom County Rainbow Coalition

West Virginia

American Friends Service Committee-WV

Wisconsin

AIM Now

Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc.

Hunger Task Force

Rooted In Inc.

Wyoming

Food Bank of Wyoming

Laramie Interfaith