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Senate Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
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Dear Speaker Johnson, Democratic Leader Jefferies, Majority Leader Thune, Democratic Leader Schumer, Chairwoman Collins, Vice Chair Murray, Chairman Hoeven, Ranking Member Shaheen, Chairman Cole, Ranking Member DeLauro, Chairman Harris, Ranking Member Sanford Bishop:

We the 389 undersigned national, state, and local organizations, urge you to protect and strengthen nutrition and health services for infants, young children, and pregnant and postpartum women by supporting the Senate-passed fiscal year (FY) 2026 funding levels for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children's (WIC).

The Senate bill, which funds WIC at \$8.2 billion, is anticipated to fully fund the science-backed benefit amounts for all who apply for the program including fully funding the WIC Cash Value Benefit (CVB) for the purchase of critically important fruit and vegetables. Any amount less than full funding, would harm the 6.8 million women and children who participate in the program, putting their health and well-being at risk.

WIC provides pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women, infants, and children up to age 5 in households with low-incomes with nutrition education, breastfeeding support, health care referrals, and access to vitally needed nutritious foods during the most essential times for healthy development.

Nutritious food is expensive, and the WIC benefits – including the CVB - allow families to purchase the nutritionally-tailored food they need to grow and thrive. Due to the better health outcomes associated with WIC, investment in the program also leads to reductions in spending on health care and special education.

By adopting the Senate-passed WIC funding levels, Congress will continue its 30-year bipartisan commitment to supporting WIC and ensure that any eligible family who applies can receive the program benefits. Any funding level less than the Senate-passed amounts is unacceptable and will harm the nutrition and health outcomes of mothers, babies, and young children across our nation.

Additionally, in any short-or-long term spending bill, Congress must include enforceable legislative language that will ensure funding agreed upon will be allocated and reach the very people it was intended to serve. Without explicit language, funding for WIC and other programs can be later rescinded, despite congressional authorization and appropriation.

We urge you to continue Congress' long-standing bipartisan support for WIC - as reflected in the Senate-passed bill - by fully funding the program and maintaining the current value

of the fruit and vegetable benefit. This support is needed in any short- or long-term spending bill.

Signed by:

National Organizations

Alliance to End Hunger
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Friends Service Committee
American Heart Association
Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)
Children's Defense Fund
Children's HealthWatch
Coalition on Human Needs
Critical Issues Forum
First Focus Campaign for Children
Food Research & Action Center (FRAC)
FoodCorps
FoodRecovery.org
Islamic Relief USA
JustLeadershipUSA
JustUS Coordinating Council
March of Dimes
MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger
MomsRising
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
National Association for Family Child Care
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Association of Social Workers
National Center for Health Research
National Diaper Bank Network
National Education Association
National League for Nursing
National Network for Arab American Communities (NNAAC)
National WIC Association
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
Reproductive Freedom for All
Share Our Strength
Slow Food USA
UnidosUS
ZERO TO THREE

Alabama

Alabama Arise

Feeding Alabama
VOICES for Alabama's Children

Alaska

Alaska Children's Trust
Alaska Farmers Market Association
Alaska Food Policy Council
Anchorage Community Land Trust
Blood N Fire Ministry of Alaska
Fellowship in Serving Humanity (FISH)
Food Bank of Alaska
Girdwood Food Pantry
Helping Hands Food Bank
Juneau Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Mat-Su Food Coalition
MLK Foundation
Native Village of White Mountain
Nenana Tortella Council On Aging, Inc
Soldotna United Methodist Church/Soldotna Food Pantry
Upper Susitna Food Pantry

Arizona

Association of State Public Health Nutritionists
Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona
William E. Morris Institute for Justice

Arkansas

Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families
Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance

California

Beats
Blue Zones Project Monterey County
California Association of Food Banks
California WIC Association
CARES
Center for Healthy Communities
Child Care Law Center
Children's Council of San Francisco
Courage California
Equality California
Family Resource Center
First 5 California
Food and Agriculture Action Coalition Toward Sovereignty

Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano
Foodbank of Santa Barbara County
Friends In Deed
Futures Without Violence
Glide Foundation
GRACE/End Child Poverty California
Indivisible Ukiah
Los Angeles Food Policy Council
Los Angeles Regional Food Bank
Nourish California
Office of Samoan Affairs
On Trac
Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County
Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange Healthcare Foundation
United Teachers of Richmond
Western Center on Law and Poverty

Colorado

Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger
Community Food Bank of Grand Junction
Feeding Colorado
Hunger Free Colorado
Nourish Colorado
Slow Food Denver

Connecticut

Connecticut Voices for Children
Danbury Farmers Market
QueenBeeBooks
Witnesses To Hunger New Haven Chapter

Delaware

Food Bank of Delaware

District of Columbia

Advocates for Better Children's Diets
D.C. Hunger Solutions
LIFT Inc
Physicians for Social Responsibility
Save the Children
SchoolHouse Connection

Florida

Breastfeeding Coalition of Palm Beach County

CROS Ministries (Christians Reaching Out to Society, Inc.)
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.-Miami Alumnae Chapter
Feeding Hope Village
Florida Impact
Florida Policy Institute
Palm Beach County Food Bank
Picnic Project
The Glades Initiative, Inc.
United Way Palm Beach County

Georgia

Children's Development Academy, Inc
Latino Community Fund Georgia
Miller Plaza Learning Center

Hawaii

Hawaii Appleseed
Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!
Hawaii Food Systems

Idaho

The Hunger Coalition

Illinois

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
Feeding Illinois
Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry
Greater Chicago Food Depository
Illinois Head Start Association
Raising Illinois PN3 Coalition
The Mama Coach

Indiana

Indy Hunger Network
Mae's Paige Garden
Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

Iowa

Des Moines Area Religious Council (DMARC)
Iowa Hunger Coalition

Kansas

Harvesters--The Community Food Network

Louisiana

Invest in Louisiana
Louisiana Appleseed Center for Law & Justice
New Orleans Food Policy Council
ResourceFull Consulting

Maine

Full Plates Full Potential
Waldo County Bounty

Maryland

Anne Arundel County Food Bank, Inc.
Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Congregation Environmental Task Force
Community Engagement and Consultation Group Inc.
Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Provinces
Manna Food Center
Maryland Hunger Solutions
The Karabelle Pizzigati Initiative in Advocacy for Children Youth and Families at the University of Maryland

Massachusetts

Clarendon Early Education Services, Inc.
East Boston Social Centers
Empath
Food Bank of Western Massachusetts
Food Link
Health Equity Partnership of North Central MA
Holyoke Community College
Legal Key Partnership for Health and Justice
Mass General Brigham
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute
MetroWest Food Collaborative
Project Bread
Racial Justice Initiative at Temple Beth Elohim
Regional Environmental Council of Central MA
RESULTS-Massachusetts
RW Consulting Services LLC
Sciencecorps
Temple Sinai of Sharon, MA
The Greater Boston Food Bank

Michigan

Joyful Vitality
Mary B. Wellness, LLC

Michigan Council for Maternal Child Health
Think Babies Michigan

Minnesota

The Food Group

Missouri

City Greens Market
Empower Missouri
Harvesters--The Community Food Network
Isaiah 58 Ministries
Northside Nutrition
Parents as Teachers National Center

Montana

Fairfield School
Montana Association of WIC Agencies

Nebraska

Nebraska Appleseed

Nevada

Food Bank of Northern Nevada

New Hampshire

New Hampshire Hunger Solutions, Inc.
Sisters of Charity

New Jersey

Communities Revolutionizing Open Public Spaces
Community FoodBank of New Jersey
Fulfill Monmouth & Ocean Counties
Interfaith Food Pantry of the Oranges
Nourish.NJ

New Mexico

Bag 'n Hand Food Pantry at St. John's United Methodist Church
LA Cares
LV Community Soup Kitchen
NM Center on Law and Poverty
Rio Grande ATP/Recovery Friendly Taos
Shared Table Food Pantry
Slow Food Santa Fe
The Food Depot

New York

Bethel S.D.A. Church
Church Women United in New York State
Dominican Sisters of Sparkill
Early Care & Learning Council
Feeding New York State
Food Bank For New York City
Food Bank of Central New York
Food Bank of the Southern Tier/Healthy School Meal for All NY Kids Coalition
Green Beetz, Inc.
GrowNYC
Hunger Solutions New York
Island Harvest Food Bank
Live Well Kingston
Long Island Cares, Inc. - The Harry Chapin Food Bank
Mt Hebron Food For life Pantry
North Country Matters
Popular Democracy
Queens Childcare Network
Queens Community House
Repairers of The Broken (dba) The Manna Project of Long Island
Safety Net Project at the Urban Justice Center
Schenectady County Food Council
St. John's Bread and Life
The Campaign Against Hunger
The Kingdom
TLC Spirit LLC
West Side Campaign Against Hunger
Westchester Community Opportunity Program

North Carolina

Breakthrough Community Church
Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy
Eatwell Exchange, Inc.
Eva Clayton Rural Food Institute
Family Focused Treatment Association
Meals4Families
North Carolina Justice Center
The Fresh Produce Program
Toxic Free North Carolina

Ohio

Akron Bible Church

Children's Hunger Alliance
Local Matters
Northeast Ohioans for Budget Legislation Equality
Ohio Association of Foodbanks
SE Ohio Foodbank
Shared Harvest Foodbank

Oklahoma

Hunger Free Oklahoma
Infant Crisis Services
Oklahoma Policy Institute
Parent Promise

Oregon

Body Mind Belly Nutrition
Coyote Crossing
Partners for a Hunger Free Oregon
Willowbrook Food Pantry

Pennsylvania

Allies for Children
Bucks-Mont Collaborative
Community Legal Services
Holy Angels Parish Food Pantry
Just Harvest
Make The Road Pennsylvania
Mattie N. Dixon Community Cupboard
MontCo Anti-Hunger Network
Philabundance
The Restaurant Opportunities Center of Pennsylvania (ROC PA)
United Way of Southwestern PA
VCC Healthcare Solutions
VNA Community Services, Inc.

Rhode Island

Children's Friend
Rhode Island Community Food Bank
URI Feinstein Center for a Hunger Free America

South Carolina

FoodShare South Carolina
Loaves & Fishes
Lowcountry Food Bank Inc
NAACP South Carolina State Conference

Oconee Food Council
South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center
Trident United Way
Wholespire, Inc.

South Dakota

Common Grounds Indivisible SD
Health and Nutrition First LLC

Tennessee

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Nashville
Elmahaba Center
First 8 Memphis
Latino Memphis, Inc.
Serenity Knoll Farm
Siloam Health
TEIS
Tennessee Justice Center
Urban Child Institute
UT Extension
Volunteer State Seal of Biliteracy

Texas

Every Texan
Houston Food Bank
Metrocrest Services

Utah

Food Systems Collaborative
Utah Population and Environment Coalition
Utahns Against Hunger

Vermont

Aunt Dot's Place
Hunger Free Vermont
Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont (NOFA-VT)

Virginia

Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children (DEC)
Federation of Virginia Food Banks
Social Action Linking Together (SALT)
Virginia Hunger Solutions a project of Virginia Poverty Law Center

Washington

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists - WA State Section
Anti-Hunger & Nutrition Coalition
Asotin County Food Bank
Bellingham Farmers Market Association
Catholic Charities Eastern Washington
Chewelah Farmers Market
Community Health Association of Spokane (CHAS Health)
Community Health Plan of Washington and Community Health Network of Washington
Downtown Yakima Farmers Market
Eagle's Nest Community Kitchen
Elevate Health
Ellensburg Farmers Market
Evado PR
Food Lifeline
Friends of Third Place Commons
G Med Solutions
Gifts from the Heart Food Bank, Coupeville
HealthPoint
House of Hope
Hunger Intervention Program
Jefferson County Farmers Market
Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle
Jewish Family Service
Lake Stevens Farmers Market
Lake Washington UMC safe parking
Latino Community Fund of Washington State
Mattawa Area Food Bank
Montesano Food Bank
Neighborcare Health
North Sound ACH
Northwest Harvest
Nutrition First
Ocean Park Food Bank
Olympia Indivisible
Othello Food Bank
Paradise of Praise
Partners for Our Children
Plymouth Housing
Queen Anne Farmers Market
Ravenna Clinic
Riverton Park United Methodist Church
Seattle Neighborhood Farmers Markets
Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness

Silverdale Farmers Market
Snohomish Farmer's Market
Snowgrass Farm
South Whidbey Tilth Association
St Michael's Pantry (Food Bank)
Stilly Valley Center
Sylvia Cunningham
Toppenish Community Chest
TriCitiesFoodbank
United Way of King County
University District Food Bank
Vancouver Farmers Market Association
VIGA
Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Washington State Farmers Market Association
Washington State Public Health Association
White Center Food Bank

West Virginia

Council of Southern Mountains
West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy

Wisconsin

Cashton Cupboard and Closet
Community Center Of Hope
CORE Community Resources Inc
Ebenezer Resource Center
ECHO, Inc.
First Presbyterian Church Community Food Pantry
Grow It Forward Inc.
Hmong American Friendship Assn Inc
Hunger Task Force
Jewish Community Pantry
Jim Luther New Hope Center
Koinonia Family Development Center
Lakeland Pantry / Howard Young Foundation
Mamas House of Hope Food Pantry
Mercer Area Food Pantry
Mother Of Perpetual Help – SVDP Food Pantry
Project Concern
Resources and Beyond
Rhineland Area Food Pantry (RAFP)
River Falls Community Food Pantry
Solomon Community Temple UMC/Helping Community Food Pantry

Sussex Outreach Services
The Community Table Inc.
The Gathering of Southeast WI, Inc.
The Shalom Center
Tigerton Food Pantry
Trinity Lutheran Church
Waupaca Area Food Pantry
Wisconsin Farmers Union