

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

April 15, 2013

The Honorable Robert Aderholt  
Chairman

Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies  
2362-A Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-6016

The Honorable Sam Farr  
Ranking Member

Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies  
1016 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Aderholt and Ranking Member Farr,

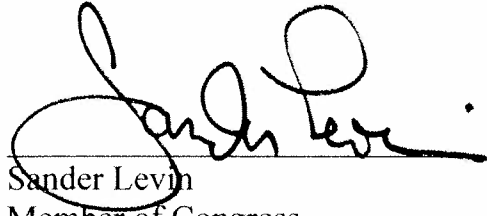
We respectfully ask that you allocate \$202 million for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) in the Fiscal Year 2014 Agriculture Appropriations bill. This funding level is consistent with the President's fiscal year 2014 budget request.

As you know, CSFP is a critical nutrition program that delivers U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) commodities primarily to seniors, and mothers and children. In this time of continued economic hardship, reliance on nutrition assistance is greater than ever. CSFP is an important component of our nutrition efforts because it reaches many seniors who qualify for no other program while providing delivery for those that are homebound.

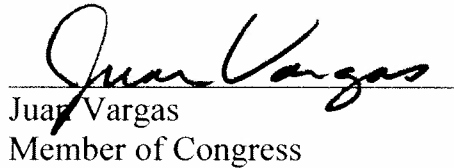
CSFP provides 600,000 food packages each month in 39 states (including seven new states as a direct result of your action in FY 2010), the District of Columbia, and 2 Indian Tribal Organizations. This year 97 percent of the participants are elderly individuals with an income at or below \$14,521. CSFP food packages are designed to supplement needed sources of nutrients typically lacking in participants' diets, including protein, iron, zinc, and vitamins B-6 and B-12. CSFP providers also have been very cost efficient: the typical food package has a retail value up to \$50 but costs the Federal government approximately \$20 per participant package.

We appreciate your consideration of this important request and look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure that no American goes hungry.

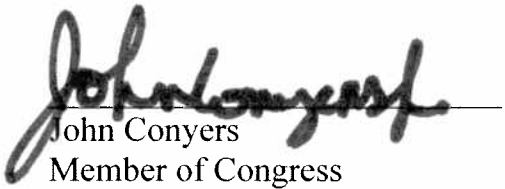
Sincerely,



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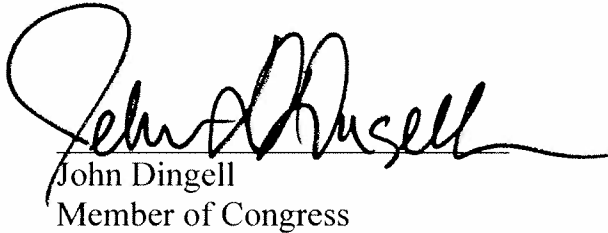
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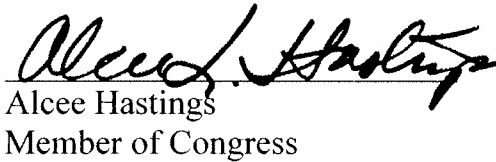
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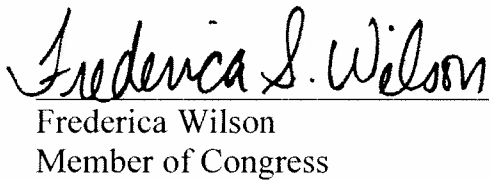
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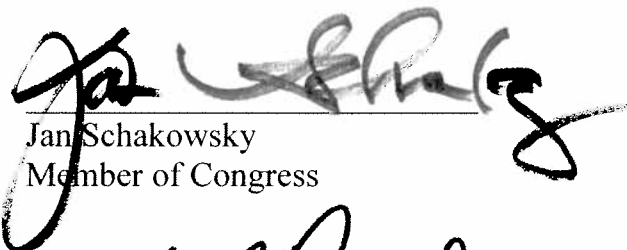
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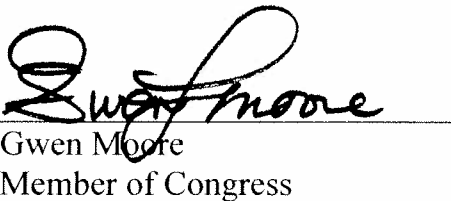
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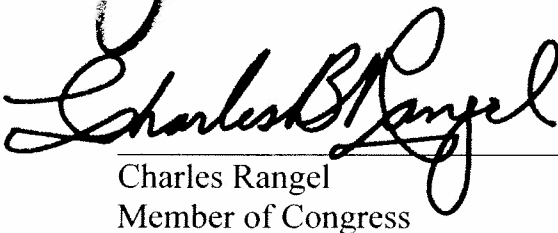
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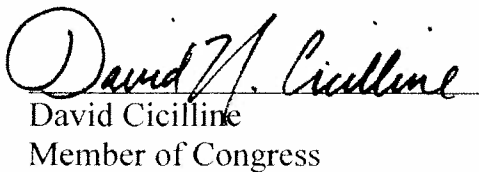
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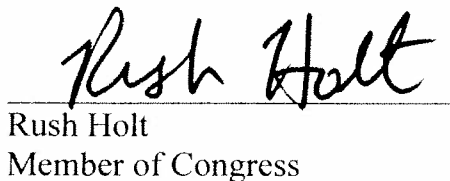
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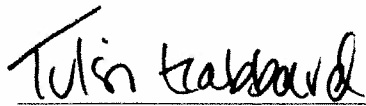
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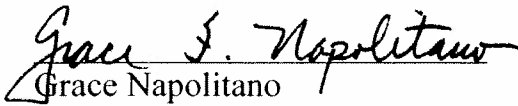
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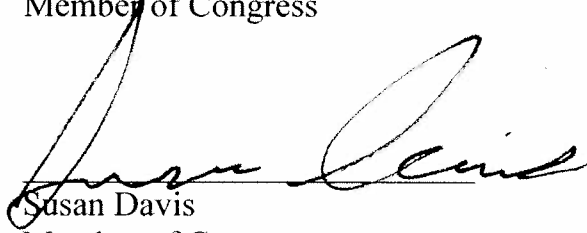
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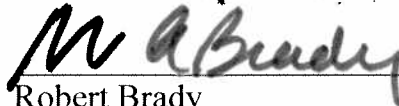
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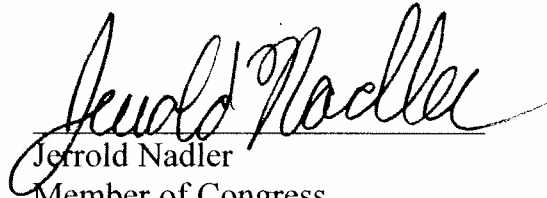
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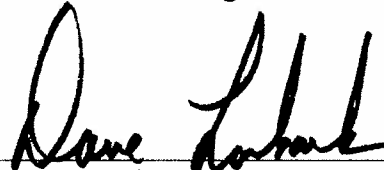
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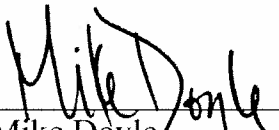
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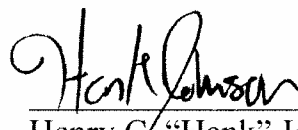
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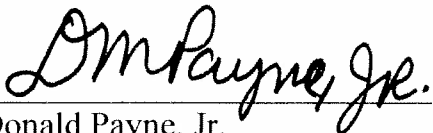
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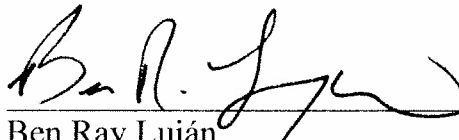
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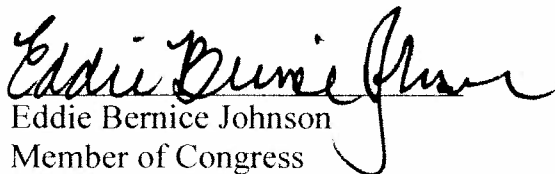
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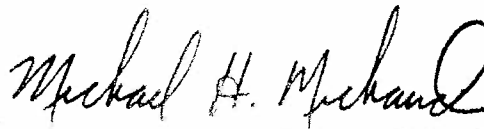
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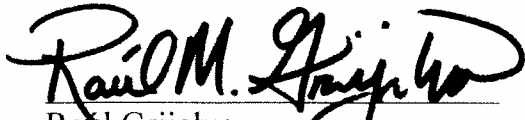
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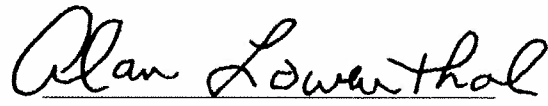


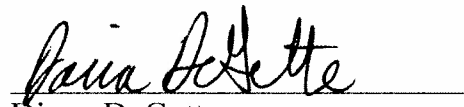
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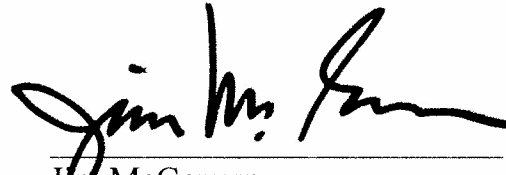
  
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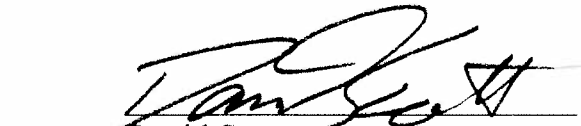
  
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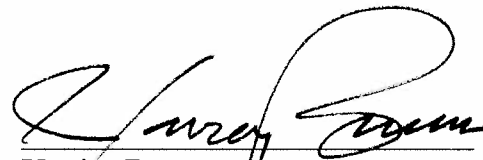
  
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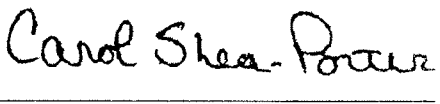
  
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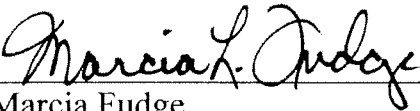
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