

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

April 27, 2021

The Honorable Sanford Bishop, Jr.  
Chairman  
Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and  
Drug Administration, and Related Agencies  
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The Honorable Jeff Fortenberry  
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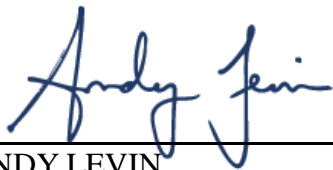
Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Fortenberry,

We write to express our strong support for preserving the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. We strongly urge you to provide sufficient funding to maintain the current caseload. We estimate that the funds appropriated to maintain current caseload for the program year will need to be \$375 million for FY 2022.

As you may know, CSFP is a critical nutrition program that delivers USDA commodities primarily to seniors. 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.

In FY 2021, CSFP will provide up to 736,110 food packages each month in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, five Indian Tribal Organizations, and Puerto Rico. This year, program participants are elderly individuals with an income at or below \$16,744. CSFP food packages were redesigned in Spring 2020 to better supplement needed sources of nutrients typically lacking in participants' diets, including protein, iron, zinc, and vitamins B-6 and B-12.

As you begin the appropriations process for Fiscal Year 2022, we urge you to maintain sufficient funding for this important lifeline that supports many seniors in our communities. We appreciate your consideration of this important request and look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure that no American goes hungry.



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ANDY LEVIN  
Member of Congress

Sincerely,

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