

May 6, 2022

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
Chairwoman
Appropriations Subcommittee on
Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and
Drug Administration, and Related Agencies
129 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable John Hoeven
Ranking Member
Appropriations Subcommittee on
Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and
Drug Administration, and Related Agencies
125 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Baldwin and Ranking Member Hoeven:

As your subcommittee considers the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, we respectfully request that you provide \$338.64 million for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) in order to maintain current caseload levels.

As you know, CSFP is a critical nutrition program that delivered up to 757,942 food packages each month to seniors in 2021 with an income at or below \$17,667. 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 is an important component of our nation's nutrition efforts because it reaches many seniors who qualify for no other program while providing delivery for those that are homebound in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, seven Indian Tribal Organizations, and Puerto Rico. As our nation continues to respond to increases in rates of food insecurity due to the coronavirus pandemic, it is vitally important that we continue to provide nutritious food to this vulnerable population. We respectfully request that you provide \$338.64 million for CSFP in FY 2023 so that current caseload levels can be maintained.

We thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

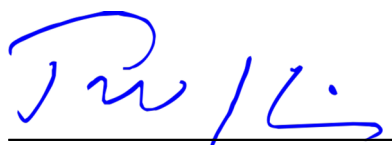
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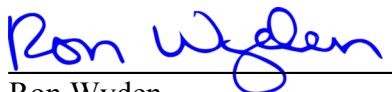
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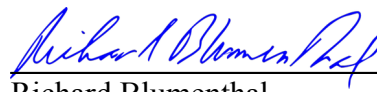
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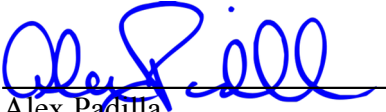
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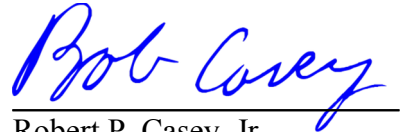
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