

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable John Hoeven  
Chairman  
Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and  
Related Agencies  
129 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen  
Ranking Member  
Appropriations Subcommittee on  
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Related Agencies  
125 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chair Hoeven and Ranking Member Shaheen:

We write to express our strong support for preserving the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. Specifically, we ask that you provide sufficient funding for FY 2026, to maintain, at a minimum, the program's current caseload.

CSFP delivers nutritious United States Department of Agriculture food packages to low-income seniors at least 60 years of age with household income at or below 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines. For example, to qualify, the annual income for a household of one senior would be less than \$19,578 (based on 2025 Poverty Guidelines). CSFP is authorized to operate in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and eight Indian Tribal Organizations.

Currently, more than 707,000 low-income seniors rely on this program to put food on the table each month. CSFP food packages were recently updated to better supplement needed nutrients typically lacking from participants' diets. Packages include a variety of foods, such as nonfat dry and ultra high-temperature fluid milk, juice, farina, oats, ready-to-eat cereal, rice, pasta, peanut butter, dry beans, canned meat, poultry, or fish, and canned fruits and vegetables. With the cost of living on the rise, this program is more important than ever. If Congress fails to fully fund this critical program, our most vulnerable seniors will lose access to the nutritious food they need to live healthier lives.

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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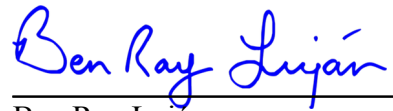
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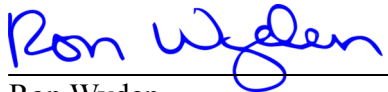
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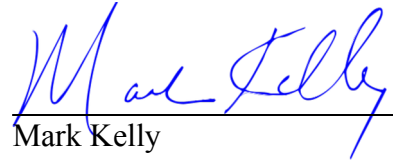
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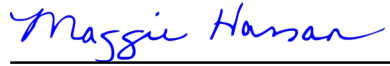
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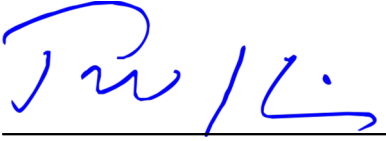
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