

November 25, 2025

The Honorable Brooke Rollins
Secretary of Agriculture
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Rollins,

On behalf of the undersigned national faith-based organizations working to reduce poverty and support those experiencing food insecurity, we write to share our concern about the announced termination of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Household Food Security Reports. For 30 years, under both Democratic and Republican administrations — including the first Trump administration — these reports have provided the trusted, objective, nonpartisan data necessary for the faith community, advocates, and policymakers alike to tackle the growing moral crisis of hunger in America.

Publishing this information on an annual basis is a matter of accountability, transparency, and responsible governance. Failing to do so disables a critical, irreplaceable indicator of the health of our economy and hides the impact of recent policy changes on hunger in this country.

Per the most recent Household Food Security Report published for 2023, there were over 47 million Americans living in food-insecure households. The scope of this issue calls for additional government insight and intervention. Until hunger is eradicated in this country, the federal government needs to have the best available data to make informed policy decisions that will impact these tens of millions of families. If USDA intends to evaluate the efficacy of our federal nutrition programs, it is vital to know the measurements of food insecurity throughout the country.

Our coalition is composed of diverse religious denominations and faith-based organizations. While our theologies differ, we are committed to supporting those who are in need and we are aligned in our understanding that federal anti-hunger policy and programs have the power to transform the lives of countless Americans who have to cut the size of meals or who go hungry because they have too little money for food.

Our faith traditions are united in our belief that our government has a moral obligation to support the most vulnerable in our communities. We urge you to reinstate this vital resource, as well as reinstate the USDA's Economic Research Service employees that have been placed on administrative leave so that we can continue our work alongside the government to respond to this crisis with all of the available information.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Faithfully,

American Friends Service Committee

Bread for the World

Church World Service

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Provinces

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Faith in Action

Franciscan Action Network

Friends Committee on National Legislation

Jewish Council for Public Affairs

MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger

National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd

National Council of Jewish Women

NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice

PAX Christi USA

Presbyterian Church (USA) Office of Public Witness.

Union for Reform Judaism

United Church of Christ