

The Honorable Glenn “GT” Thompson
Chairman
Committee on Agriculture
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Angie Craig
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Thompson and Ranking Member Craig,

On behalf of the undersigned national faith-based organizations working to address food insecurity in the United States, we write to share our concerns about the *Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026* or “Farm Bill” as introduced.

Our coalition is composed of diverse religious denominations and faith-based organizations. While our theologies may differ, we share a collective commitment to feeding the hungry and caring for the poor. It is not only a matter of economic and social stability, but a matter of human dignity to feed oneself and one's family.

In the past, the Farm Bill has provided an opportunity for bipartisan conversations about various policies that are critical to supporting America's farmers and families. However, after the passage of the partisan budget reconciliation law last summer, which included the largest cut to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in history (an estimated \$187 billion over the next decade), we are dismayed that the bipartisan spirit of this important package has been damaged.

Although we welcome several provisions in the nutrition title that would enhance SNAP EBT card security, authorize online SNAP purchasing, and revive a local food purchasing assistance program, these policies would do little to address the catastrophic federal disinvestment in SNAP which jeopardizes the future of the program. The Farm Bill presents a critical opportunity for Congress to reduce food insecurity by restoring and strengthening SNAP, and the *Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026* misses that opportunity as written.

The faith community has been clear: charity alone cannot adequately address the nutritional needs of over 47 million Americans struggling with food insecurity. Hunger in America is a widespread, structural issue that the federal government must address. Our faith traditions are therefore united in our belief that our government has a moral obligation to support the most vulnerable in our communities.

SNAP administrators, beneficiaries, and advocates alike are still reeling from last fall's government shutdown and scrambling to institute the budget reconciliation law's more expansive work reporting requirements and time limits — not to mention bracing for the administrative and benefit cost-shifts that are quickly approaching. State and local program and budget officials are expressing grave concern about their ability to continue running SNAP in their states without adequate federal investments, and they need relief now.

Please take careful consideration during the Committee markup to revise the nutrition title to ensure it adequately addresses the dire circumstances we face. Our hungry neighbors can afford no less.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Faithfully,

Alliance of Baptists
American Friends Service Committee
Avodah
Bend the Arc: Jewish Action
Bread for the World
Center for Jewish Food Ethics
Church World Service
Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Region
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Franciscan Action Network
Friends Committee on National Legislation
ICNA Relief
Jewish Council for Public Affairs
Keshet
Kirva
MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
National Council of Churches USA
National Council of Jewish Women
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies
Pax Christi USA
Rabbinical Assembly
Reconstructing Judaism
Sojourners
The Episcopal Church
Union for Reform Judaism
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