

The Honorable John Boozman
Chairman
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and
Forestry
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Boozman and Ranking Member Klobuchar,

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* that passed out of the House and urge you to advance a Farm Bill that addresses federal cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

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 provided for bipartisan consensus 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 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 welcomed several bipartisan provisions in the nutrition title of the *Farm, Food, and National Security Act*, those policies would do little to address the catastrophic federal disinvestment in SNAP jeopardizing 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 House bill misses that opportunity.

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 scrambling to institute the budget reconciliation law's changes, including 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 do not advance a Farm Bill like the *Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026* unless it adequately addresses the dire circumstances our hungry neighbors face.

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
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Faith in Action
Franciscan Action Network
Friends Committee on National Legislation
Human Appeal USA
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
The United Methodist Church - General Board of Church and Society
Union for Reform Judaism
Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice
United Church of Christ
United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism
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