



Anti-Hunger Organizational Sign-On – Trump Administration Must Engage Anti-Hunger Community

Add your organization's voice to a sign-on letter, reproduced below, urging the Trump administration to engage with anti-hunger advocates as it works to finalize policy recommendations in the wake of the MAHA Commission's report.

We appreciate that the Administration met with agriculture and food industry stakeholders following the dissemination of the MAHA Commission's report. As organizations dedicated to ending hunger and improving health, we urge the Administration to engage with anti-hunger advocates similarly as it works toward finalizing policy recommendations.

Our work, and the people we work with, must be part of this dialogue. The recent \$186 billion cut to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) threatens to increase hunger, deepen poverty, and drive up health care costs. Yet the MAHA report fails to fully recognize the well-established link between food insecurity and poor health outcomes, including higher rates of diabetes, heart disease, and other chronic conditions.

Federal nutrition programs — including SNAP, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), school meals, the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), the Older Americans Act Nutrition Program, Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program, Food Distribution on Indian Reservations, and summer and afterschool nutrition programs — are not only critical anti-hunger interventions but also proven public health strategies. These programs improve birth outcomes, reduce childhood obesity, support cognitive development, contribute to better health and independent living for older adults, and lower health care utilization and costs. Any effort to address chronic disease and promote health must include these foundational programs.

We respectfully urge the Administration and the Commission to:

- Protect and strengthen SNAP benefit levels to reflect the true cost of a healthy diet;
- Expand access to school meals through a nationwide Healthy School Meals for All policy;
- Fully fund and modernize WIC to reach more eligible families and improve maternal and child health;
- Support and expand Summer EBT and summer meal programs to ensure year-round nutrition;
- Strengthen CACFP and Afterschool Meals to fill nutritional gaps for young children and youth; and

- Increase funding for the OAA Nutrition Program to reduced widespread waitlists for home-delivered and congregate meals.

In the spirit of collaboration and with a shared commitment to creating a healthier America, we request that policy recommendations not be issued until anti-hunger advocates have had the opportunity to contribute to the ongoing policy discussions. We would welcome the chance to present our evidence-based recommendations and work together to ensure that federal nutrition programs remain central to any solutions.

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