

# Congress of the United States

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The Honorable John Boehner  
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
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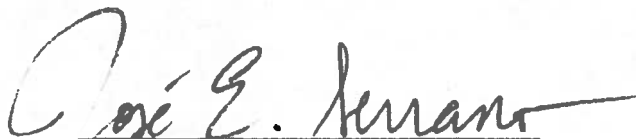
Dear Speaker Boehner and Democratic Leader Pelosi,

As Hispanic members of Congress and on behalf of the millions of Americans that we represent, we write to oppose devastating cuts, which total \$20 billion, to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) contained in H.R. 1947, the Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management (FARRM) Act of 2013. These benefit reductions will harm the more than 46 million low-income Americans - nearly half of whom are children - who depend on SNAP for nutrition.

SNAP is a vital resource in the Latino community, where joblessness, homelessness, and food insecurity rates remain high. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, more than 25% of Latino households are food insecure. SNAP is a critical lifeline for struggling families as they juggle their other household expenses - including heat, shelter, child care, transportation, medicine, and health care. Yet H.R. 1947, which passed out of the House Agriculture Committee on May 16th, makes cuts that would reduce the SNAP benefits for 850,000 households by an average of \$90 per month, would cause two million people to lose benefits entirely, and would take away free school meals from 210,000 children. We strongly oppose balancing the budget on the backs of the poorest and most vulnerable Americans.

We cannot support a Farm Bill that sacrifices the well-being of hungry Americans. SNAP is a critical program that should be maintained at a time when Latinos across the country remain in considerable need.

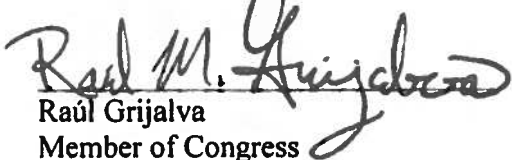
Sincerely,



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