

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Chairman Becerra
House Democratic Caucus
1420 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Chairman Becerra,

Thank you for your strong leadership of the House Democratic Caucus and your work to ensure that the Caucus works to advance the priorities of our constituents across the country.

We write today to ask that the Caucus discuss the farm bill, titled the Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013, which may be on the floor later this month. Given the possible timing of floor consideration of this bill, we ask that the Caucus discuss the bill at its meeting this week.

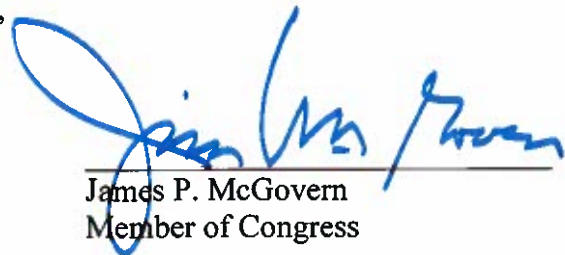
As you know, the farm bill authorizes a comprehensive set of safety net, conservation, and rural development programs that are critical to the wellbeing of families, agricultural producers, and communities across the country. We are concerned, however, about the more than \$20 billion in cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) included in the farm bill reported out of the Committee on Agriculture. With nearly 50 million Americans at risk of hunger and more than 45 million Americans enrolled in the SNAP program, it seems to us that now is not the time to arbitrarily slash this program. These concerns are compounded by the observation that the Committee failed to hold even a single oversight hearing on the program. We ask that our Caucus discuss the farm bill at its meeting this week so Members have an opportunity for this in-depth discussion before the bill moves to the floor.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.


Sincerely,



Rosa L. DeLauro
Member of Congress



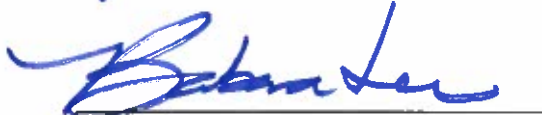
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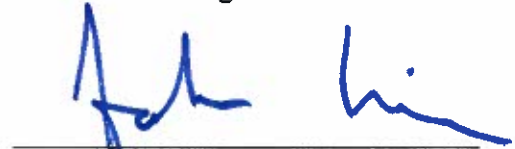
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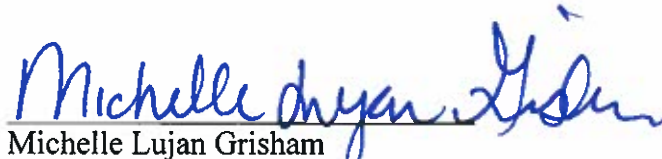
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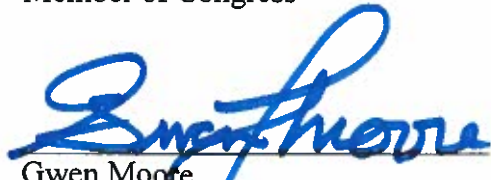
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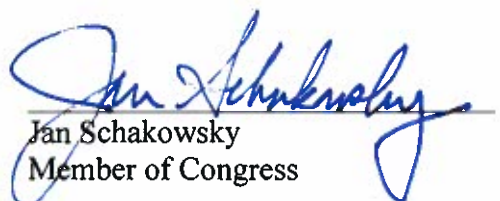
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