

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CAUCUS

August 26, 2024

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson,

On behalf of the Democratic Women's Caucus, we urge you to rework the partisan farm bill that passed out of the House Committee on Agriculture, and work with House Democrats to pass a bipartisan farm bill that truly helps women and families.

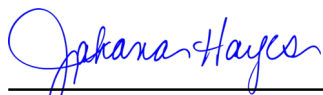
H.R.8467, the "Farm, Food, and National Security Act," as passed out of Committee, would cut \$30 billion in food assistance from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) over the next decade, the largest cut to SNAP in nearly twenty years. This would disproportionately impact women and children, who make up the vast majority of SNAP participants. [According to the United States Department of Agriculture](#), in fiscal year 2022, 38 percent of SNAP recipients were adult women and 40 percent were children. Further, single mothers would be disproportionately impacted by cuts to SNAP benefits; the National Women's Law Center (NWLC) found that, from June 2020 through September 2020, 64 percent of SNAP households with children were headed by a single adult, 92 percent of which were headed by women.

SNAP is an essential program that reduces rates of women's poverty; according to the NWLC, SNAP helped 1.2 million women escape poverty in 2021. It is a critical tool for addressing poverty and hunger in our country. We cannot leave our most vulnerable behind.

Including cuts to SNAP benefits in the farm bill undermines the inclusion of any other positive advancements and could jeopardize final passage of the bill, putting farmers and families in harm's way. We are committed to passing a farm bill that supports both our farmers and ranchers, and nutrition assistance for women and their families.

We look forward to working with you to address our concerns and deliver for women across the country.

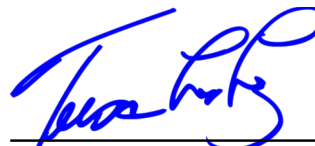
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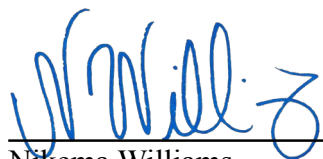
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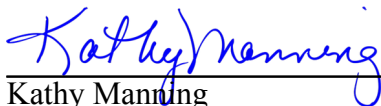
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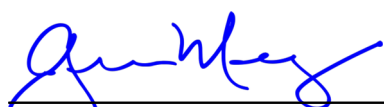
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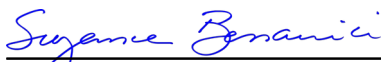
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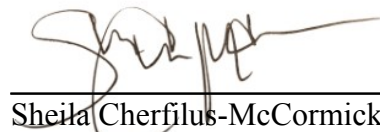
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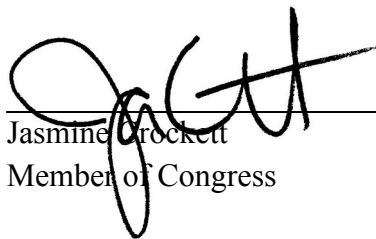
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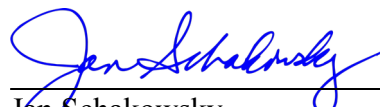
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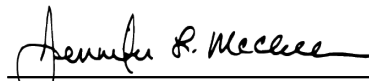
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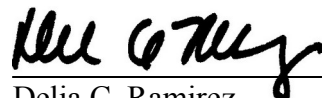
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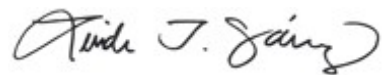
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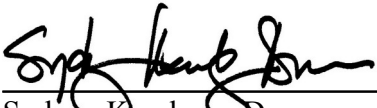
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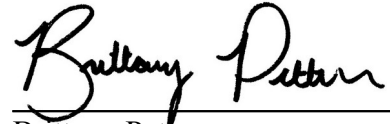
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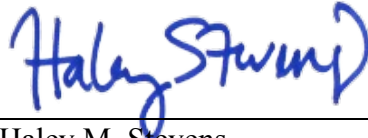
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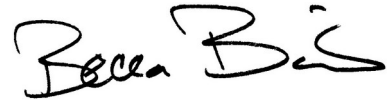
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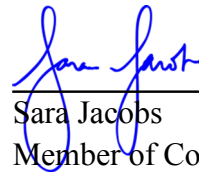
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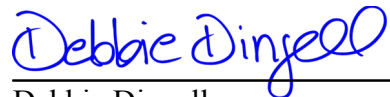
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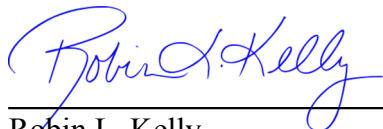
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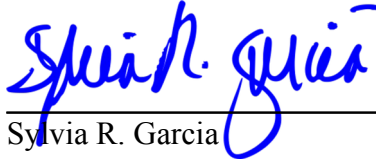
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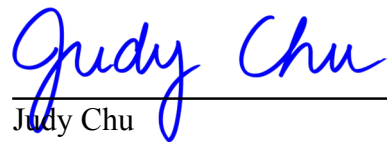
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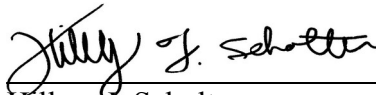
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