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U.S. House of Representatives
9th Congressional District, Michigan

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The Honorable Robert Aderholt
Chairman

Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug
Administration, and Related Agencies
2362A Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-6016

The Honorable Sam Farr
Ranking Member

Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug
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1016 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-6016

Dear Chairman Aderholt and Ranking Member Farr,

We respectfully ask that you allocate \$221.298 million for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) in the Fiscal Year 2016 Agriculture Appropriations bill. This funding level is consistent with the President's fiscal year 2016 budget request.

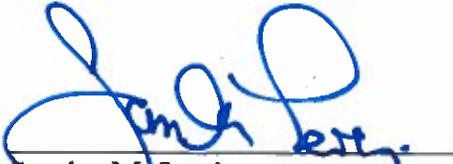
As you know, CSFP is a critical nutrition program that delivers U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) commodities primarily to seniors. In this time of continued economic hardship, reliance on nutrition assistance is greater than ever. CSFP is an important component of our nutrition efforts because it reaches many seniors who qualify for no other program while providing delivery for those that are homebound.

CSFP provides 614,000 food packages each month in 46 states, the District of Columbia, and 2 Indian Tribal Organizations. This year 99 percent of the participants are elderly individuals with an income at or below \$15,171. CSFP food packages are designed to supplement needed sources of nutrients typically lacking in participants' diets, including protein, iron, zinc, and vitamins B-6 and B-12. CSFP providers also have been very cost efficient: the typical food package has a retail value up to \$50 but costs the Federal government approximately \$22 per participant package.



We appreciate your consideration of this important request and look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure that no American goes hungry.

Sincerely,



Sander M. Levin
Member of Congress



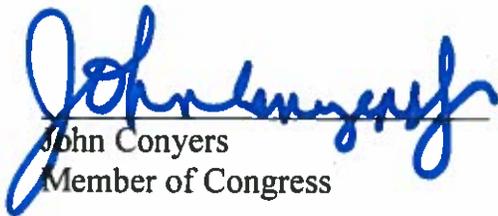
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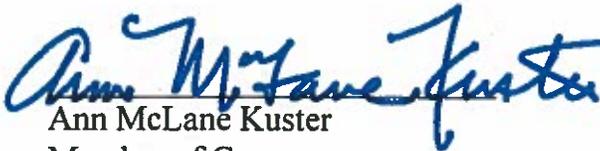
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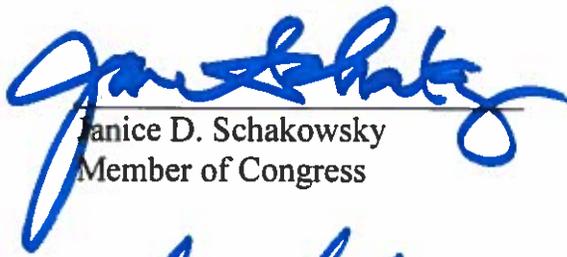
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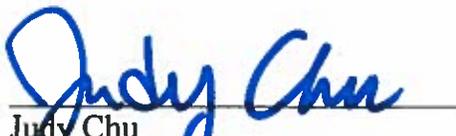

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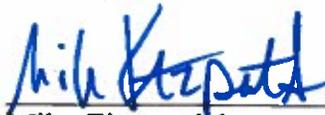

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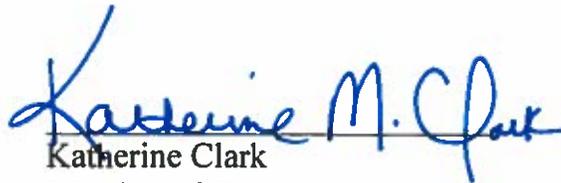
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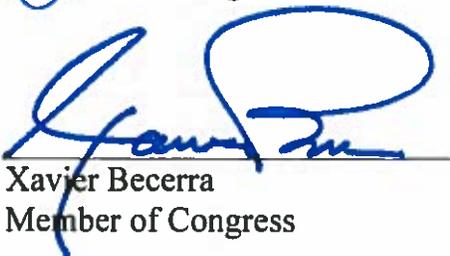
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