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The Honorable Mike Johnson (R-LA-4) The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY-8) Speaker Minority Leader

United States House of Representatives United States House of Representatives

The Honorable John Boozman (R-AR) The Honorable Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) Chair Ranking Member Senate Agriculture Committee Senate Agriculture Committee

The Honorable Glenn "GT" Thompson (R-PA-15) The Honorable Angie Craig (D-MN-2) Chair Ranking Member

House Agriculture Committee House Agriculture Committee

Dear Leader Thune, Leader Schumer, Speaker Johnson, Leader Jeffries, Chair Boozman, Ranking Member Klobuchar, Chair Thompson, and Ranking Member Craig:

On July 4, the President signed into law a budget reconciliation bill (OBBB; P.L. 119-21) that delivers a vision for America, and the American food and farm system, that pits neighbor against neighbor. The OBBB delivers an unprecedented blow to local economies and the programs that help low-income people meet their basic needs. This includes devastating impacts to nutrition assistance and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) that will exacerbate hunger for millions of Americans, including children, older adults, and veterans. In the same pen stroke, the President also delivered one of the worst "farm bills" in modern history - using SNAP cuts to fuel farm subsidy increases that benefit only a select few, all while abandoning the vast majority of programs that meaningfully invest in most farmers and the communities they call home.

In the inescapable shadow of this unhealthy vision, we write to insist on a different path - a vision for a future where, together, we leverage agriculture policy to build our mutual prosperity. The federal farm bill, the keystone policy of the American food and farm system for the last century, is fundamental to that vision.

As you consider a "skinny" farm bill that despite its tiny name will impact every person in this country who eats, the 582 undersigned national, state, and local organizations stand together to say we will only support a farm bill that provides adequate and accessible SNAP benefits to families and individuals, makes our food safer, healthier, and more affordable; that supports good, family-sustaining jobs for food workers; and that supports family farmers and their communities, and ensures our food is produced in ways that are consistent with our values. Foundational to achieving this vision is directly addressing the harms ushered in by OBBB - correspondingly, Congress must reject any farm bill that fails to address the harms of budget reconciliation.

A farm bill worthy of this vision would invest in affordable, accessible, and healthy food for all by ensuring that families can purchase a healthy diet with dignity, increasing access to fruits and vegetables, and empowering communities to purchase nutritious food from local fishers and farmers. A good farm bill

would ensure that our food is safe and free of toxins, meets animal welfare standards, and protects state and local pesticide laws. For the food and farm workers who make our food system possible, a good farm bill would ensure a living wage and protection from harm and harassment. Where our food system begins - with family farmers and the communities they call home - a good farm bill would level the playing field by supporting fair and competitive agricultural markets alongside vibrant local and regional supply chains. It would ensure that American farmers - including diversified, organic, young, and Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) farmers - have fair access to essential tools they need to thrive - from credit and insurance, to affordable land and the opportunity to build climate-resilient businesses. Finally, a good farm bill would fully address the devastating and ongoing impacts of U.S. Department of Agriculture's office closures, reorganizations, relocations, as well as the uncertainty exacerbated by funding freezes, award terminations, and staff firings - all of which have weakened the Department's ability to serve farmers, rural small businesses, and food insecure communities.

Every successful farm bill coalition has been built on the foundation of bipartisanship and the next farm bill will be no different. Achieving this shared vision begins, but does not end, by addressing the harms of budget reconciliation. As organizations representing millions of individuals, farmers, workers, and families whose lives and livelihoods are impacted by the farm bill, we urge you to aim high toward a farm bill that restores Americans' trust in the federal government by making our food safer and healthier, more accessible and affordable, supporting family farmers and their communities, and ensuring our food is produced in ways that are consistent with our values. Anything short of that fails our farmers, our communities, and us all.

Sincerely,

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Farm Sanctuary

Farmworker Justice

Food Animal Concerns Trust

Food Research & Action Center

FoodRecovery.org

Global Women's Strike

GMO/Toxin Free USA

HEAL (Health, Environment, Agriculture, Labor) Food Alliance

Impact Fund

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James Beard Foundation

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MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger

Mercy For Animals

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National Family Farm Coalition

National Organic Coalition

National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition

National Young Farmers Coalition

Natural Resources Defense Council

NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice

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Patagonia

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The Food Trust

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Adirondack Food System Network

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Cumberland County Food Security Council

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Equity Advocates

Everett Community Growers

Farm Fresh Rhode Island

Farmers Market Coalition

Farming Falmouth

Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies

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Groundwork Somerville

Grow Food Northampton

Harrison Food Bank

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Hawk Dance Farm

Healthy Foods for Healthy Kids

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Hunger Free Vermont

Interreligious Food Consortium

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Land For Good

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Lower Shore Food Council

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Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association

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Massachusetts Food System Collaborative

Merck Family Fund

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MetroWest Food Collaborative

Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program

Mill City Grows

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Montgomery County Food Council

National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners

New Connecticut Farmer Alliance

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Northeast Organic Dairy Producers Alliance

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Rhode Island Food Policy Council

Rhode Island Healthy Schools Coalition

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GrassWorks

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Communities Growing Hope

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Hulitt Homestead LLC

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Iowa Hunger Coalition

Iowa Valley RC&D

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Michigan Food and Farming Systems

Michigan Organic Food and Farm Alliance

Michigan Sustainable Business Forum

Midwest Vegetable Growers Network

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Minnesota Farmers' Market Association

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Missouri River Bird Observatory

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New Roots Urban Farm

Northeast Indiana Local Food Network

Northeast Ohio Black Health Coalition

Northern Plains Sustainable Agriculture Society

Northwest Indiana Food Council

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Ohio Federation for Health Equity and Social Justice

Ohio Grandparent Kinship Coalition

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Sanctuary Farming

Savanna Institute

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Vital Ground Farm

Voices for Children in Nebraska

West Michigan Growers Group

West Michigan Young Farmers

West Side Farmers Market

Women Food and Agriculture Network

Wonderfarm

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Acadiana Growers Alliance

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AgriSystems International

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Alabama Rivers Alliance

Alabama Sustainable Agriculture Network

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Community Farm Alliance

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Farmworker Association of Florida

Florida Organic Growers

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FoodCorps

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Apothecary Kentucky Food Action

Network

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Lowcountry Food Bank

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New Orleans Food Policy Council

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Nightshade Farm & Flowers

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La Semilla Food Center

Latino Farmers and Ranchers International

Let's Go Compost

Local First Arizona

Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Arizona

Lutheran Campus Ministry

New Mexico Farmers' Marketing Association

New Mexico Food & Agriculture Policy Council

New Mexico Healthy Soil Working Group

New Mexico Voices for Children

Nourish'd Seeds

Oklahoma City Food Hub

Physicians for Social Responsibility Texas

Pinnacle Prevention

Seeds of Hope Publishers

Texas Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Texas Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association

The National Center for Frontier Communities

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Hidalgo County, Texas

Urban Harvest, Inc.

West

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Agriculture and Land Based Training Association

Agroecology Commons

Alaska Food Policy Council

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April Joy Farm

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Boonville Barn Collective

Butte County Local Food Network

California Certified Organic Farmers

California FarmLink

Californians for Pesticide Reform

Campaign for Organic and Regenerative

Agriculture Carbon Cycle Institute

Center for Land-Based Learning

Ceres Community Project

Chiatri de Laguna Farm

Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger

Community Alliance with Family Farmers

Community Hope, Inc.

Community Water Center

Courage California

Denver Urban Gardens

Dr. Bronner's

E&A Produce Market

Earth Neighborhood Productions

Ecological Farming Association

Esperanza Community Farms

Farm and Food Justice Network

Farmers Market Fund

Feed'em Freedom

Feeding Colorado

Food and Agriculture Action Coalition Toward Sovereignty

Food Bank of Northern Nevada

Food for People, the Food Bank for Humboldt county

Foodshed Cooperative, Inc.

Fresh Approach

Friends In Serving Humanity

Friends of Family Farmers

Garden-Raised Bounty

GoFarm

Good Farm Fund

Good Food Collective

Good Groceries LLC

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Hawai'i Good Food Alliance

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Healthy Mission Dietitian, Inc.

Helpings Hands Food Bank

Hillsdale Farmers' Market

Hunger Free Colorado

Hunger Intervention Program

Idaho Hunger Relief Task Force

Interfaith Sustainable Food

Collaborative Josephine County Farm

Collective

Kaumakapili Church

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Lost Coast Ranch

Medford Food Co-op

Metro Caring

Montana Organic Association

Mountain Freshies

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Northern Plains Resource Council

Northwest Center for Alternatives to Pesticides

Nourish Colorado

Oregon Climate and Agriculture Network

Oregon Farm to School Network

Oregon Food Bank

Oregon Organic Coalition

Oregon Tilth

Organic Farming Research Foundation

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Partners for a Hunger Free Oregon

Pie Ranch

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Pueblo Food Project

Real Organic Project

Récolte Energy

Rogue Farm Corps

Rogue Food Unites

Roots of Change

Sammamish Valley Alliance

Sammamish Valley Grange

San Diego Food System Alliance

Sierra Harvest

Sierra Orchards

Sister Carmen Community Center

Sky Family Farms

Southeast Alaska Food Bank

TerraWalk Farm

Teton Food and Farm Coalition

The Learning Council Three Feathers Farm Two Roots Farm Umpqua Valley Farmers' Market University District Food Bank UpRoot Colorado Vancouver Farmers Market Association Washington Farmland Trust Washington Food Coalition Web of Life Products Weber Family Farms Well Fed Farmstead Western Colorado Alliance Wild Farm Alliance Wild Oat Hollow WildFlower Play Collective Winter Farmers Market

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