The Honorable Brandon Lipps

Acting Deputy Under Secretary,

Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service

United States Department of Agriculture

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Dear Mr. Lipps:

Each of our organizations works with different parts of the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) in the delivery and oversight of the federal nutrition programs. We have a deep appreciation for FNS staff who work day in and day out to bring nutrition assistance in many different ways to people in need across the country. While we are grateful of the effort FNS employees undertook during the shutdown to support the continued operation of the federal programs, we very much missed the work and energy of the agency at full force. FNS is truly one of the country’s best agencies. That is a credit to all of FNS staff collectively and individually.

Please pass on a warm “WELCOME BACK” from all of us. We look forward to working in partnership with the FNS team operating at full strength as it carries out a mission that matters so much to the well-being of the nation.

Sincerely,

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

Alliance to End Hunger

American Bakers Association

American Beverage Association

American Commodity Distribution Association

American Diabetes Association

American Heart Association

American Public Human Services Association

American Pulse Association

Apple Processors Association

Association of SNAP Nutrition Education Administrators

Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO)

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials

Association of State Public Health Nutritionists

Bread for the World

Center for American Progress, Poverty to Prosperity Program

Center for Law and Social Policy

Center for Science in the Public Interest

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

Child Care Aware of America

Child Care Food Program Roundtable

Children’s Defense Fund

Congressional Hunger Center

Coalition on Human Needs

eGovernment Payments Council of the Electronic Funds Transfer Association

Environmental Working Group

Fair Food Network

Feed the Children

Feeding America

First Focus

Food Marketing Institute

Food Policy Action

Food Research & Action Center

Georgetown Center on Poverty and Inequality

Grocery Manufacturers Association

Hunger Free America

Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative

International Dairy Foods Association

Jewish Council for Public Affairs

MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger

Meals on Wheels America

MilkPEP

Moms Rising

National Association of Counties

National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)

National Association of Convenience Stores

National Association of Farmers Market Nutrition Programs

National Association of Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations

National Association of Social Workers

National CACFP Forum

National Commodity Supplemental Food Program Association

National Council on Aging

National Dairy Council

National Farmers Union

National Grocers Association
National Indian Child Care Association

National League of Cities

National Potato Council

National Recreation and Park Association

National Skills Coalition

National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition

National Women’s Law Center

NATSO

National WIC Association

Nemours Children’s Health System

NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice

RESULTS

School Nutrition Association

Share Our Strength

SNAC International

Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior

Society of St. Andrew

The Arc of the United States

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The Food Trust

Unidos US

Union of Concerned Scientists

United Fresh Produce Association

United Food and Commercial Workers

United States Conference of Mayors

United Way Worldwide

USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council

WhyHunger