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April 18, 2023

Honorable Brad Finstad
Chairman of the Subcommittee on Nutrition,
Foreign Agriculture, and Horticulture
1605 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Request for an Update on Hearings in the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Foreign Agriculture, and Horticulture in the 118th Congress.

Chairman Brad Finstad,

I write today with an urgent request that hearings be held on the Nutrition title of the upcoming Farm Bill and for any updates on the work of the House Committee on Agriculture Subcommittee on Nutrition, Foreign Agriculture, and Horticulture. During this Congress we have the enormous responsibility of reauthorizing the Farm Bill. The Farm Bill has a long, bipartisan tradition, and it is imperative we convene so we may come to a consensus position on the language of the next bill. As Ranking Member of the Subcommittee, I am especially concerned with disturbing rhetoric regarding work requirements for SNAP beneficiaries and this must be explored in the Committee process.

The last time Congress reauthorized the Farm Bill, the first iteration of the bill was introduced on April 12, 2018. As of today, April 18, 2023, the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Foreign Agriculture, and Horticulture has not held one hearing, meeting, or gathering on the Nutrition title of the Farm Bill. In contrast, the United States Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry has held or scheduled seven hearings on the Farm Bill, including a hearing entitled, "SNAP and Other Nutrition Assistance in the Farm Bill."

As you know, 76% of the \$1.4 trillion dollar Farm Bill is appropriated for Nutrition, so this committee must be at the forefront of the work on this reauthorization.

I urgently request that a hearing schedule be released for the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Foreign Agriculture, and Horticulture to ensure that Members have a forum to discuss Nutrition priorities. I look forward to working with you on this critically important work and would appreciate a timely response in the next five business days or by April 25, 2023 on this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jahana Hayes".

Jahana Hayes
Ranking Member of Subcommittee on Nutrition,
Foreign Agriculture, and Horticulture