

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Mr. President:

Under your leadership, the United States continues to respond to the unprecedented health and economic hardships caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. We remain proud of our work together.

Yet, the pandemic exacerbated the realities of the nation's hunger crisis. Even before the pandemic, nearly 40 million Americans went hungry. The status quo isn't working. We need transformational change now.

We call on you to convene a national conference on food, nutrition, hunger, and health that draws together all the arms of government, state and local leaders, tribal leaders, nonprofit and for-profit businesses, advocates, and those with lived experiences to design a roadmap to end hunger in America by 2030. By working past artificial government silos and focusing on holistic solutions, we can improve the nation's health and nutrition while strengthening our food delivery system.

The first and only conference on food insecurity took place 52 years ago. Through that effort, Congress built the hunger safety-net we know today. We stand ready to work alongside you to chart the final frontier to end hunger and to create a future where the promise of America is in reach for every person in America.

Sincerely,



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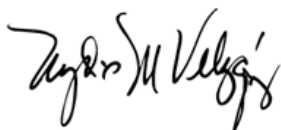
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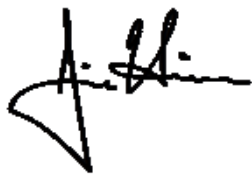
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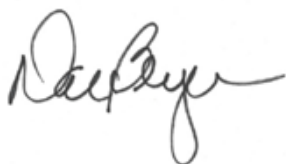
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