

October 24, 2025

Vince Haley
Director, Domestic Policy Council
Executive Office of the President
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Haley,

On behalf of the 44 undersigned national organizations, we urge you to provide additional funds to the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) during this time of uncertainty. Even with last week's funds from the White House to stabilize the program, numerous states are projected to exhaust their resources for WIC benefits as early as November 1. We request that the White House provides an additional \$300 million in emergency funding to WIC to continue operating in early November and avoid major disruptions on November 1 for women, infants, and young children.

WIC is the nation's premier preventive public health nutrition program, supporting nearly 7 million low-income mothers and young children who have or are at risk for developing nutrition-related diseases and disorders. WIC benefits are not only critical nutritious food, but families also benefit from nutrition education, breastfeeding education and support, and referrals to medical and social services. While we know WIC has historically remained open for business during government shutdowns, the timing of this shutdown at the beginning of a fiscal year has significantly limited the federal funding options available to states.

While we thank the White House for temporarily sustaining WIC for the month of October, it's imperative that you provide additional funding by early the week of October 27 to avoid major disruptions to WIC beginning on November 1.

Without additional funding, some states may take steps to turn off WIC benefits and issue furlough notices to clinic staff the week of October 27. This means that families could lose access to infant formula, breastfeeding support, nutritious foods, healthcare screenings, and more beginning on November 1. These disruptions for families can be prevented by releasing additional funding to WIC. With no end in sight for this government shutdown, the White House must act to ensure that families and children do not become casualties of congressional inaction.

Thank you for your time and for your continued commitment to protecting the health and wellbeing of families across the nation.

Sincerely,

National WIC Association

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
Advocates for Community Health
Alliance to End Hunger
American Academy of Pediatrics
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American Heart Association
American Society for Nutrition
Association of State And Territorial Health Officials
Association of State Public Health Nutritionists
Bread for the World
Center for Science in the Public Interest
Changent
Children's HealthWatch
Chobani
Coalition on Human Needs
Congressional Hunger Center
Consumer Brands Association
Family Focused Treatment Association
First Focus on Children
Food Research & Action Center (FRAC)
FoodCorps
Institute for Policy Studies' Poverty Project
International Dairy Foods Association
International Fresh Produce Association
Islamic Relief USA
March of Dimes
MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger
Meals on Wheels America
Mission: Readiness
Move For Hunger
National Association of Counties (NACo)
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Education Association
National Grocers Association
National League for Nursing

National Nurse-Led Care Consortium
National Retail Federation
Partnership for a Healthier America
Poetry X Hunger
RESULTS Educational Fund
Save the Children
Share Our Strength
Start Early

cc:

The Honorable Brooke Rollins
Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture

The Honorable John Boozman
Chair, U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
Ranking Member, U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

The Honorable Tim Walberg
Chair, House Committee on Education and the Workforce

The Honorable Robert C. "Bobby" Scott
Ranking Member, House Committee on Education and the Workforce

The Honorable Susan Collins
Chair, U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Patty Murray
Vice Chair, U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair, House Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member, House Committee on Appropriations