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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the League of United Latin American Citizens, the nation's largest and oldest Latino civil rights organization in the country, I write to urge you to support the passage of legislation that funds critical nutritional assistance programs.

As you may know, Congressional leaders involved in conference negotiations on the FARM bill, have recently announced that they have reached a "deal" on legislation to reauthorize critical nutrition assistance programs like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Since November 1st, 2013 the nation's most vulnerable communities, including low-income children, seniors, unemployed adults and veterans, have faced reductions on the benefits they receive under SNAP. In addition, according to some reports, the current language cuts an additional \$8 billion from the program.

These reductions are a grave concern to our organization and we urge Congress to protect critical nutrition resources that help struggling Americans put food on the table during these hard economic times. The current legislation being discussed is far from perfect, and we certainly urge Congress to find ways to avoid making any more cuts to critical nutrition assistance programs. While our organization understands that there are budgetary constraints, we urge Congress to not balance the budget on the backs of hard-working Americans struggling to put food on the table, to heat their home, or to secure employment.

Congress must work to pass legislation to reauthorize critical nutrition assistance programs like SNAP and we urge you to stand with the American people to prevent any additional cuts to the program.

Sincerely

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