

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable John Boozman
Chairman
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
& Forestry
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
& Forestry
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Glenn Thompson
Chair
House Committee on Agriculture
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Angie Craig
Ranking Member
House Committee on Agriculture
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Boozman, Ranking Member Klobuchar, Chair Thompson, and Ranking Member Craig:

As you continue Farm Bill negotiations and consider any potential legislative vehicles moving through Congress, we respectfully urge you to consider including H.R. 5168, the Puerto Rico Nutrition Assistance Fairness Act, in any relevant package to strengthen nutrition assistance and food security for Puerto Rico.

This bipartisan legislation would establish a clear pathway for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to achieve parity with the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Specifically, H.R. 5168 would amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to transition the current Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) block grant into SNAP within a minimum of ten years. It also requires the Puerto Rico Government to submit a transition plan to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and ensures USDA provides the necessary technical assistance throughout the process.

Puerto Rico has long operated under a capped block grant for nutrition assistance that is unable to automatically adjust to economic downturns, disasters, or increased need, conditions that SNAP addresses on the mainland. Incorporating H.R. 5168 into the Farm Bill would bring long-overdue equity to the more than 1.3 million low-income individuals on the island who rely on this support, while maintaining a structured and responsible transition framework.

This legislation has strong bipartisan support, with more than 20 co-sponsors, as well as backing from national and local anti-hunger organizations, faith-based groups, and local government stakeholders.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued commitment to ensuring equity and fairness for all U.S. citizens.

Sincerely,


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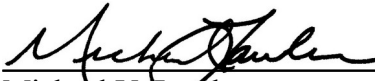
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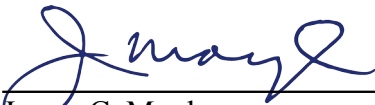
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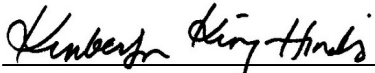
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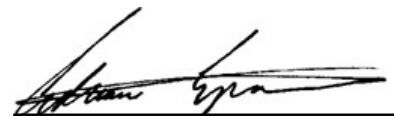
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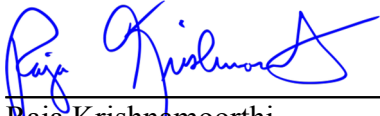
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