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My name is George A. Jones, and I am the Executive Director of Bread for the City, a DC based non profit that has provided Medical, Food, Clothing, Legal and Social Services to very low-income residents of Washington, DC for over 30 years. Predictably, hunger and food insecurity is major concern for my agency. To that end, and in cooperation with the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC) I urge the United States Department of Agriculture to support:

The entitlement structure of the Food Stamp Program (which responds to increases in need whether due to economic changes or disasters); Make benefit allotments adequate (increase both the minimum benefit and other allotment levels); Expand eligibility to more needy people left out of the program now (including by serving all otherwise eligible legal immigrants, able-bodied adults who now face time limits, ex drug felons making new starts, and others struggling to make ends meet); Liberalize resource rules; Streamline enrollment operations; Increase reimbursements (match rates) for state administrative operations; Support food stamp outreach; Continue to allow recipients choice among food purchases and support healthy choices through nutrition education; Continue Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) delivery; and Rename the program to reflect recent modernization and reforms.

Feel free to contact me at either of the locations listed below.

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