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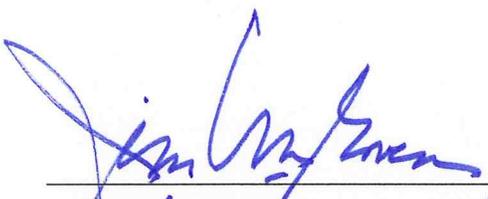
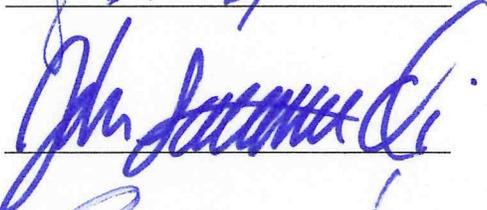
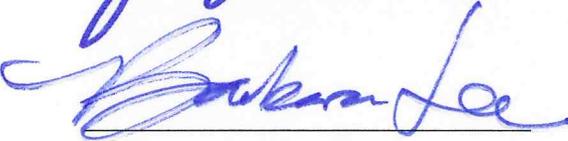
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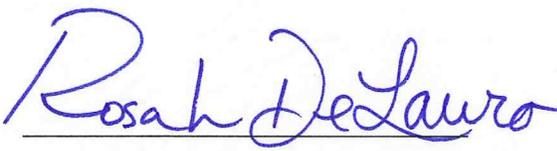
Dear Chairman Lucas,

As you know, the Nutrition Title of the Farm Bill, the title that reauthorizes our nation's anti-hunger safety net programs, was not included in H.R. 2642, the so-called Farm-only Farm Bill. H.R. 2642, which passed the House on July 11, 2013 on a strict party line vote, was sent to the Senate on July 16, 2013 and the Senate is expected to move to go conference as early as today. According to some press reports, there may be an attempt to bring legislation to the floor that consists only of the Nutrition Title and that this Nutrition Title-only bill may consist of massive cuts to anti-hunger programs, including possibly block granting the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP, formerly known as Food Stamps.

While the House has voted on two different Farm Bills in the 113th Congress, there has not been one single hearing in the 113th Congress about the programs that make up the Nutrition Title. While Republicans and Democrats may not view the Nutrition Title and SNAP, specifically, the same way, it should not be controversial to conduct oversight hearings on the programs that make up the Nutrition Title. Therefore, we respectfully request that the Agriculture Committee conduct a thorough hearing on the Nutrition Title and the impacts of changes to SNAP before the House considers any legislation to reauthorize the Nutrition Title.

Sincerely,





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