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The Honorable Brooke Rollins
Secretary U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Rollins,

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is the largest food assistance program in the United States. In Wisconsin, SNAP serves nearly 700,000 people, including 270,000 children. This program also provides assistance for people on fixed incomes, retirees, and people with disabilities.

While the USDA has instructed states to stop processing November's benefits, there are legal tools available to the Department to move funds and keep this program operating. First, the USDA has billions of dollars in its contingency fund that could be released to continue funding this program. Second, the USDA has already used authority under 7 U.S.C. 2257 to move funds into the WIC program to keep it operating during the shutdown, and could similarly use that authority for SNAP.

Money spent using SNAP benefits also has a local economic impact. Farms take in nearly one quarter of every dollar spent on groceries through SNAP. At a time when farmers are facing increasing pressure from instability in global markets, the loss of this income will have a devastating impact.

From fuel and electricity, to groceries and healthcare, families are facing rising costs all over Wisconsin. If November's SNAP benefits are not funded, children and families in Wisconsin will go hungry through no fault of their own. At this point, November benefits will not be fully funded for states even if USDA releases the money, which is why we are urging you to take immediate action. Families will now have to choose between medication, car payments, health insurance, or feeding their children. They are already on the edge, and without immediate action, they will be put in increasingly impossible situations.

We, the undersigned, call on you to take the appropriate actions to release this funding, continue the program, and provide families with this critical food assistance.

Sincerely,



Rep. Sequanna Taylor



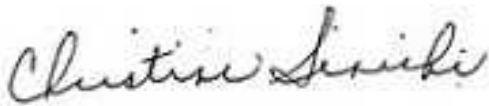
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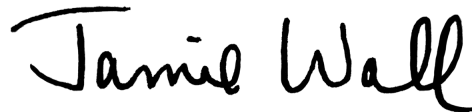
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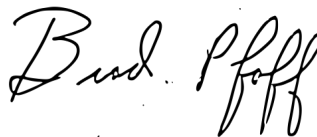
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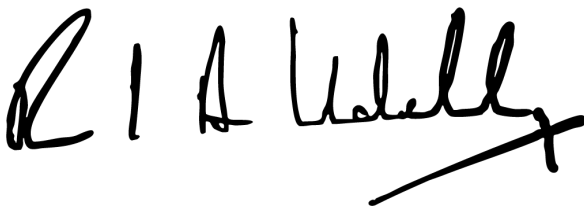
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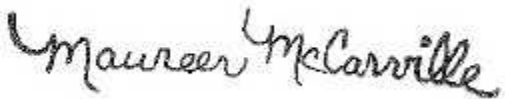
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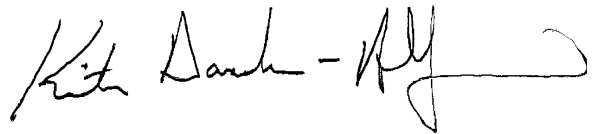
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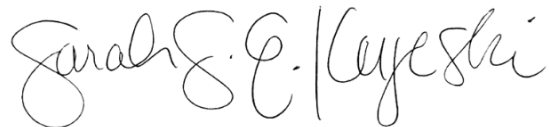
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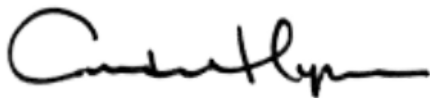
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