



June 13, 2025

United States Capitol Building
210 15th St. NW
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Members of Pennsylvania's Congressional Delegation:

We write to express deep concern over the dramatic reductions and delays in funding for the 2025 season of the WIC and Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Programs (FMNP). This situation is unacceptable and directly harms some of our most vulnerable citizens—low-income women, infants, children, and seniors—who rely on these programs for access to nutritious food.

Every year at the start of summer, our offices field hundreds of calls from seniors anxious to receive their FMNP vouchers. This year's delay, the decrease in the dollar amount provided, and the significant reduction in the number of vouchers have already been felt by seniors across my district and across the Commonwealth.

Equally alarming is the impact on the WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, which serves low-income pregnant women, postpartum mothers, and young children. Due to disruptions in the federal fiscal process, WIC agencies across Pennsylvania will receive only 49% of their originally requested vouchers. These are mothers and children who already face food insecurity and health risks. For many, these vouchers are one of the few opportunities to access fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables that are essential to healthy development and long-term wellness.

The FMNP is not simply a financial assistance program. It is a lifeline for thousands of older adults who rely on these vouchers to access fresh produce—foods critical to maintaining their health, especially for those living with chronic conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, and heart disease. A sudden and significant reduction in both the number of available vouchers and the amount allocated per person, coupled with a delay in distribution, will have real and immediate consequences for both seniors and young families.

At a time when national conversations are focused on improving public health outcomes and strengthening local food systems, this move sends the wrong message. Cutting back on programs that help our most vulnerable populations access nutritious foods while supporting local farmers undermines both public health goals and economic sustainability.

This is not how we get America healthy.

Nutrition programs like the FMNP and WIC FMNP are small investments with enormous returns. They reduce the long-term burden on our healthcare system, promote independence among older adults, support maternal and child health, and inject needed dollars into our agricultural communities. For Congress to have appropriated funding—only for it to be disbursed incompletely or delayed—is not only unacceptable, but also harmful and cruel.

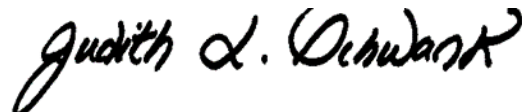
We urge you to take swift and decisive action to ensure that full funding for both the Senior and WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Programs is made available immediately and consistently, and to explore permanent protections to shield these essential programs from future disruption. Our communities deserve stability, and our seniors and families deserve dignity, security, and access to the food that keeps them healthy.

We hope you will stand with them.

Sincerely,



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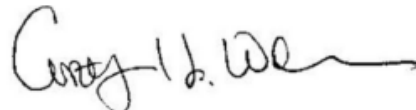
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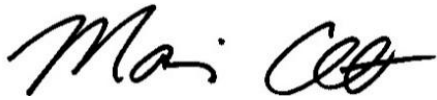
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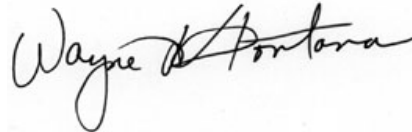
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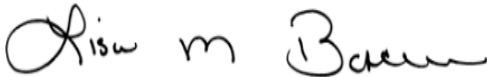
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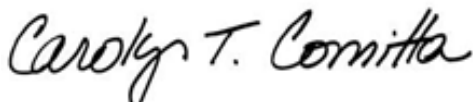
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