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On Behalf Of: Peoples Co Op Farmers Market
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
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To the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water -

Good morning. My name is Teresa Tamiyasu, and I am writing in support of continued funding for our farmers, farmers markets, food access programs, and infrastructure supporting these ends. On a very basic level, our neighborhood relies on healthful, locally produced food and the farmers who provide it --I emphatically urge you to consider the many, many families that depend upon access to healthy food. I firmly believe that good nutrition sets the foundation for better outcomes across the board for learning, thriving, enduring, sustaining and producing -- the effects of great nutrition are well known and documented.

I implore you to continue to provide programs and support for people of all social and economic situations to access this basic need; including support for farming, water resources, agricultural infrastructure, as well as matching funds (SNAP) to provide healthful foods to the most vulnerable of our friends and neighbors, children, and elders. In this time of so much uncertainty and anxiety regarding the future of communities, financial stability, and environment, please exert your abilities to the fullest to empower and elevate these programs now and into the future. Your impact on humanity and the planet are at a crucial point, and your constituency depends upon your continued efforts.

Thank you so much for your consideration and action.

Sincerely,
Teresa Tamiyasu