

March 3, 2022

President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As private sector companies with a role in ensuring Americans across the country have access to nutritious, affordable food, we write to enthusiastically support the convening of a White House Conference on Food, Nutrition, Hunger, and Health.

It is long past time that we develop a national strategy to finally end hunger once and for all. The last White House Conference on this topic convened 52 years ago and led to a multi-pronged strategy that addressed malnutrition and hunger. Unfortunately, with nearly 40 million Americans going to bed hungry each night, our work is far from done.

We applaud your incredible commitment to ending hunger. Federal investments made during the pandemic have helped to stave off sharp increases in hunger, and in fact, have helped to reduce hunger, especially among children,¹ Latinos, and Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color (BIPOC).² Flexibilities enacted in the wake of the pandemic have helped us to get food to people in need as quickly as possible.

We must take the lessons learned from the pandemic and seize upon this moment. A White House Conference on Food, Nutrition, Hunger, and Health will present a once-in-a-generation opportunity to end the scourge of hunger. As private sector retailers, agricultural, food, and beverage companies, we look forward to lending our expertise to these conversations at every stage of the process, especially as they relate to strengthening the public-private partnerships that are vital to our food supply chain and anti-hunger safety net.

We call upon you to convene a White House Conference on Food, Nutrition, Hunger, and Health in 2022.

Sincerely,

Albertsons Companies

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Cargill, Incorporated

¹ U.S. Census Bureau <https://www.census.gov/library/stories/2021/08/economic-hardship-declined-in-households-with-children-as-child-tax-credit-payments-arrived.html>
² Center on Budget and Policy Priorities <https://www.cbpp.org/blog/after-child-tax-credit-payments-begin-many-more-families-have-enough-to-eat>

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