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The Honorable Patty Murray  
Chair  
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Susan Collins  
Vice Chair  
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chair  
U.S. House Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
U.S. House Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chair Murray, Vice Chair Collins, Chair Granger, and Ranking Member DeLauro,

The Sustainable Food Policy Alliance (SFPA), including Danone North America, Mars Incorporated, Nestlé USA and Unilever United States, writes to urge your support for full funding of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) in fiscal year 2024 to sustain current benefits and increased participation. This federal nutrition program is a primary defense against food insecurity and helps stimulate local economies.

As an organization formed to tackle pressing nutrition issues, among other things, SFPA focuses on driving public policy actions that advance nutrition science, prevent and lower chronic disease rates and promote good health across all life stages and socio-economic statuses.

We fear that the proposed WIC funding levels for fiscal year 2024 are insufficient and threaten to worsen nutrition outcomes, turn away eligible applicants and reduce available benefits. This funding reduction jeopardizes the health and well-being of thousands of mothers and young children who increasingly rely on WIC.

For nearly 30 years, there has been a bipartisan agreement in Congress to provide WIC with the resources necessary to serve every eligible woman, infant and child. We strongly urge both the House and the Senate to honor this longstanding commitment and fully fund WIC in the fiscal year 2024 appropriations bills. All families, especially mothers and their young children should be able to access nutritious and healthy foods.

Sincerely,



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