Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 24, 2007

Hon. Collin Peterson
Chairman
House Agriculture Committee
1301 Longworth House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Peterson:

Thank you for your Committee's hard work on the Farm Bill this year. As you develop the 2007 Farm Bill, we appreciate the challenge of balancing the needs of both farmers and consumers in this country.

Because we place a high priority on addressing the struggle against hunger in the U.S., we are writing to express our interest in a strong nutrition title in the 2007 Farm Bill — particularly for the Food Stamp Program.

Too many people in our communities — urban, suburban and rural areas — lack adequate resources to put food on their tables. The most recent USDA/Census Bureau survey of food security found that more than 35 million people in the United States live in households that face a constant struggle against hunger. We believe the Farm Bill can address this significant problem through the Food Stamp Program.

The opportunities in this year's Farm Bill to help disadvantaged families by strengthening the Food Stamp Program cannot be understated. As you know, the value of food stamps has been deteriorating due to inflation, and families are forced to purchase even less with their benefits. Moreover, current eligibility rules exclude many deserving legal immigrants, those who are unemployed but willing to work, and the working poor with savings. Keeping the nutrition safety net secure for those who rely on Food Stamps is so important because, for many families, this program is what stands between them and severe hunger.

For many of us, the nutrition title is one of the single most important aspects of the Farm Bill. We sincerely hope that you will keep our priorities in mind as you work on the 2007 Farm Bill, and we look forward to working with you and our colleagues on making the 2007 Farm Bill the strongest so far.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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Member of Congress

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Member of Congress

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Subject: copy of the Progressive Caucus letter on food stamps and nutrition funding

Attachments: Food Stamp letter to Peterson-final.pdf; Food Stamps Letter-Woolsey-Lee Dear Colleague.doc

Hi Mike. I am the Executive Director of the Progressive Caucus. Hope the attachments are what you are seeking. If you need anything else in this context, please let me know.

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