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The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker, The United States House of Representatives  
United States Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson:

On behalf of the United Council on Welfare Fraud (UCOWF), we write to you with deep concern regarding House consideration of H.R. 7567, the *Farm, Food and National Security Act of 2026*. While we recognize the importance of this legislation to our nation’s farmers, UCOWF strongly opposes its passage in its current form as it fails to protect the nation’s SNAP recipients and taxpayers. Instead, we urge Congress to recommit this measure to Committee for inclusion of SNAP waste, fraud, and abuse provisions.

To this end, UCOWF proposes the following:

- Addition of language compelling the Department of Agriculture to implement the 2018 National Accuracy Clearinghouse. This data-matching tool is essential in ensuring cross-state integrity and eliminating rampant multi-state participation.
- Restoration of the state fraud retention percentage to 50%, ensuring that these funds are earmarked for actual fraud prevention, detection, and prosecution.
- Mandate of a state mandatory minimum state investigative staffing requirement, so that each state has the capacity to properly enforce safeguards.
- End the pandemic-era policies that permit the online use of EBT as well as remote delivery to unregistered addresses. While well intentioned due to the pandemic, these weakened oversight – at all levels - and exploited vulnerabilities.
- Termination of self-attestation for eligibility determination purposes. Relying solely on self-attestation has opened massive cracks in the system, allowing ineligible individuals to slip through without proper verification.

Lastly, we recognize the importance of the Farm Bill reauthorization, but we call on Congress to commit to a broader, comprehensive SNAP reform and oversight effort(s). SNAP is too crucial to the families it serves, for it to be an afterthought in any legislation every few years. Simply put, we must ensure that every dollar reaches those who need it most, without needlessly risking fraud and administrative inefficiency.

Our members are the boots on the ground, 24-7, 365 at the county, state, and federal levels, protecting beneficiaries and taxpayers alike. It is in this spirit that we hope you and your colleagues will take these steps to protect our nation’s safety net.

Sincerely,

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