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Honorable Mike Johnson
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Dear Mr. Speaker,

Congratulations on your election as the Speaker of the House of Representatives. We eagerly anticipate the promising future that lies ahead for the House under your esteemed leadership.

The United Council on Welfare Fraud is a national professional organization of investigators, administrators and claims and recovery specialists who are on the frontlines combating welfare fraud in the nation's public assistance programs. Our members come from across the country at the local, county and state level who work every day to protect the integrity the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicaid, cash assistance and other social safety net programs and safeguard taxpayer resources. In addition to reinforcing public confidence and ensuring benefits are not diverted from our society's neediest citizens, we strive to bring a cohesive voice to these efforts and share best practices in the prevention, detection and prosecution of welfare fraud.

Earlier this year, we had the privilege of testifying before the House of Representatives Agriculture Committee. During this testimony, we presented practical insights and real-world solutions that could be incorporated into the new Farm Bill, thereby making an immediate and discernible impact on the ever-growing threat of fraud jeopardizing SNAP. We wish to extend our expertise to you and offer information and valuable solutions to help identify and implement strategies aimed at reducing and eliminating welfare fraud, a key objective of your esteemed office.

As the only national organization singularly devoted to reducing welfare fraud, we are eager to engage with you and/or your staff, either virtually or in person. We aim to provide our assistance in reviewing and suggesting more effective means of eradicating fraud and abuse, which ultimately undermine the integrity and public trust in public assistance programs. Identifying fraud in public assistance programs does not expose weaknesses in the program but rather, strengthens the programs and helps secure the future utilization in helping our country's vulnerable citizens.

Again, with our most sincere congratulations, we look forward to future collaboration with you and the members of the United States House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

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