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Washington, D.C. 20250

December 7, 2021

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
Chairwoman
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development,
Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
129 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Madam Chairwoman:

The enclosed congressional report fulfills the directive in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260), which directed the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to establish a Task Force to study measures to streamline the redemption of Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) benefits in a manner that promotes convenience, safety, and equitable access to WIC supplemental foods for participants in the program, e.g., online ordering and transactions, and submit a report to Congress after receipt of the Task Force's report and recommendations.

This report provides a plan with respect to carrying out the recommendations received, and an assessment of whether legislative changes are necessary to carry out such plan.

I share Congress' interest in promoting convenience, safety, and equitable access to WIC benefits for participants. If you need further assistance, please have your staff contact USDA's Office of Congressional Relations at (202) 720–7095. A similar letter has been sent to Ranking Member John Hoeven.

Sincerely,

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Thomas J. Vilsack
Secretary

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The Honorable Sanford Bishop, Jr.
Chairman
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development,
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Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
2632-A Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Acting Ranking Member
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