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The Honorable Paul D. Ryan
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Rep. Michael Conaway, Chairman
House Committee on Agriculture
1301 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan & Chairman Conaway:

As the House of Representatives considers the Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018 (H.R. 2), I write to urge continued support for bold reforms to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Wisconsin recognized the need to improve the way we assisted our fellow citizens. To ensure SNAP serves as *temporary* assistance, we implemented several measures including work requirements and asset limits to help individuals transition from dependence on the government, to true independence -- and the results have been telling.

Since we started requiring employment and worker training as part of the SNAP program, more than 25,000 people have returned to the workforce. Additionally, we also required everyone receiving public assistance to pass a drug screening. If someone fails a drug test, we provide available resources to get them rehabilitated, healthy, and prepared to re-enter the workforce.

Based on the success of our reforms, Wisconsin urges the House of Representatives to adopt the SNAP reforms contained in H.R. 2. Now is the time for our country to break the cycle of poverty and reward work. As a leader in welfare reform, Wisconsin is excited to take advantage of the additional flexibilities the bill authorizes.

Thank you for your consideration of work requirements in the SNAP Program.

Sincerely,

Scott Walker
Governor, State of Wisconsin