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The Honorable Mike Conaway
Chairman
House Committee on Agriculture
1301 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Collin Peterson
Ranking Member
House Committee on Agriculture
1305 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Conaway and Ranking Member Peterson:

I respectfully write to request that the House Agriculture Committee organize a site visit and field hearing in Greensboro, North Carolina during the week of August 31st through September 4th. This visit and hearing will provide an opportunity for the Committee to see first-hand the challenges facing communities with a high rate of food insecurity and hunger. It is my sincerest hope that members of the Committee will have an opportunity to interact with constituents grappling with hunger, examine the challenges facing food insecure communities, and to explore ways to encourage public-private partnerships to reduce food deserts.

The issue of hunger and food insecurity impacts communities across our entire nation. As such, these topics are ones that the Committee must constantly study and evaluate. The Food Research Action Center recently released a report listing the Greensboro-Highpoint area in 12th Congressional District as first in the nation for food insecurity, with a food hardship rate of 27.8 percent. Communities throughout the 12th district were identified as being well above the national average of 17.2 percent of households that struggle to put food on the table during a 12-month period.

This is a crucial issue with monumental implications for my constituents and for my District. Access to affordable and quality food is something that many living in the cities of Greensboro and High Point struggle with. There is no more important area for members of the Committee to convene to better address the issue of food insecurity and hunger.

I hope the Committee will give full weight and consideration to this request. If granted, this hearing will give Members an opportunity to further examine and explore the issues impacting communities

with a high right of hunger and food insecurity. This visit and hearing will better enable us to explore long-term solutions to the issue of food hunger.

Thank you for your consideration and for your leadership.

Respectfully,



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Member of Congress

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The Honorable Jackie Walorski
Chairwoman
House Agriculture Subcommittee on Nutrition

The Honorable James McGovern
Ranking Member
House Agriculture Subcommittee on Nutrition