

August 16, 2022

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden:

As you prepare for your historic Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health, we urge you to direct federal agencies to make a plant-based or vegetarian entree available everywhere the federal government serves a meal.

As chefs, we have seen firsthand the growing interest in plant-based and vegetarian choices as more consumers are looking for ways to build healthier diets and make choices that reflect their values. Making a plant-based or vegetarian entree available at all federal facilities – from parks to prisons – would help federal workers, inmates and guests choose to get more of their proteins from plants.

We strongly support your efforts to end hunger, increase healthy eating, and reduce diet-related disease. We are very grateful for your historic efforts to reduce hunger. We urge your Administration to bring the same level of commitment to your efforts to support healthy diets by making a vegetarian entree available everywhere the federal government serves a meal.

Sincerely,

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