

July 15, 2022

President Joe Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Biden:

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

Making a vegetarian or plant-based entree available at all federal facilities – from parks to prisons – would significantly improve public health by making it easier for federal workers and guests to choose to obtain more of their diets from plants and diverse proteins. Providing consumers with a vegetarian or plant-based entree option will help consumers meet their personal health goals.

More and more consumers are occasionally seeking vegetarian and plant-based options. However, a vegetarian or plant-based entree is not routinely provided at federal facilities, even though the Food Service Guidelines for Federal Facilities recommends that federal facilities “offer protein foods from plants” and defines an entree as “meat” or “meat alternate.”

Our organizations 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 by making a vegetarian or plant-based entree available everywhere the federal government serves a meal.

A Well-Fed World
American Mushroom
Animal Legal Defense Fund
Animal Protection League of New Jersey
Animal Wellness Action
Center for a Humane Economy
Center for Biological Diversity
Christian Animal Rights Association
Cultivate Empathy for All
Earthjustice
Environmental Working Group
Fair Start Movement
Food Solutions Action
Friends of the Earth U.S.
Humane Action Pittsburgh

International Vegetarian Union - IVU
Jefferson County Humane Society (OH)
Jewish Veg
Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future
League of Conservation Voters
Marked By COVID
Mercy For Animals
Mighty Earth
Montana Pure Protein
Natural Resources Defense Council
Northarvest Bean Growers Association
Phoenix Zones Initiative
Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine
Plant Based Foods Association
PlantPure Communities
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