



February 12, 2014

Dear Representative:

On behalf of our nearly 38 million members, AARP thanks you for your support of the Farm Bill, “The Agricultural Act of 2014” (HR 2642), which demonstrated bipartisan agreement on legislation that will help protect food assistance for families in need of support, strengthen fraud provisions, and ensure stable funding that addresses safety net nutritional needs. The legislation balances the protection of our nation’s agriculture economy while implementing significant reforms to nutrition programs that will save taxpayers billions of dollars.

This bipartisan, five-year bill will reduce the deficit by \$23 billion while maintaining a strong nutrition safety net and helping farmers, businesses and consumers strengthen our economy. AARP especially appreciates the protection of nutrition programs that help combat hunger among the nation’s seniors and other vulnerable populations, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) Assistance, The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP). Your vote in support of this bill will ensure that millions of food insecure seniors will have access to essential nutrition at one of the most vulnerable periods of their lives where food is fundamental to maintaining them in their homes and communities instead of institutions.

Again, thank you for your support, and AARP welcomes the opportunity to work further with you to implement the new changes and be a resource in developing effective strategies and solutions on these important issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'A. Barry Rand'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Addison Barry Rand
Chief Executive Officer