

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

October 15, 2025

The Honorable Brooke L. Rollins
Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave, SW
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Rollins:

We write to commend the Administration for its leadership in ensuring that the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) continues to receive support during the ongoing government funding lapse.

As you know, WIC plays a vital role in protecting the health and well-being of low-income pregnant and postpartum women, infants, and children under the age of five who face nutritional risk. In fiscal year 2024, WIC provided assistance to approximately 6.7 million participants each month, reaching about 41 percent of all infants in the United States.¹ The program has a proven track record of improving birth outcomes, reducing childhood obesity, and strengthening early childhood development. For many families, especially in rural and working-class communities, WIC is a lifeline that helps ensure children have the healthy start they deserve.

This program faces a lapse in funding because Senate Democrats have refused to advance a straightforward Continuing Resolution that would keep critical federal programs funded. Their unwillingness to act has needlessly created uncertainty for families who depend on WIC and other essential services.

We greatly appreciate the Administration's announcement of safeguarding WIC's operations through the use of available funding sources, including potential tariff revenue, to prevent service disruptions.² This action demonstrates a clear commitment to America's families and highlights the stark difference between the Administration's leadership and Senate Democrats' unwillingness to move forward on even temporary funding to keep vital programs running.

We strongly support your continued efforts to prioritize WIC funding throughout the duration of the shutdown and to identify every lawful avenue to maintain its operations. Families should not bear the consequences of Democratic political obstruction, and your leadership helps ensure that they will not.

¹"WIC Program," Economic Research Service, July 22, 2025, <https://www.ers.usda.gov/topics/food-nutrition-assistance/wic-program>.

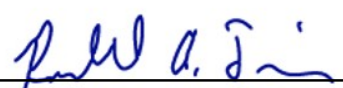
² Alex Isenstadt, "Exclusive: White House Says It Has Funding to Save Food Aid Program," Axios, October 7, 2025, <https://www.axios.com/2025/10/07/white-house-wic-funding-tariffs-fix-shutdown>.

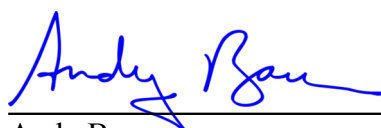
Please know that we and our colleagues in the House stand ready to assist in sustaining these efforts and to ensure that families across the country can continue relying on this essential program.

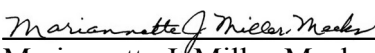
Thank you for your leadership and your steadfast commitment to the well-being of women and children.

Sincerely,


Ryan Mackenzie
Member of Congress


Randy Fine
Member of Congress

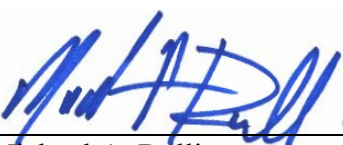

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