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Re: The Farm Bill  
S. 3240 (Agriculture Reform, Food and Jobs Act of 2012)

Dear Senator Toomey:

I am writing to let you know of our disappointment in your failure to support of the Gillibrand Amendment (No. 2156) to the Farm Bill. Although the amendment failed, we are pleased to see that some of your Republican colleagues recognized the need to increase funding for the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP). We are sorry you were not among them.

Half a million American households will suffer a cut in necessary food stamp assistance as a result of the Senate's failure to pass the Gillibrand Amendment. Families with children living in poverty will be forced to skip meals, ration food, purchase cheaper but less healthy food or choose between food and other of life's necessities. Despite our economic problems, American remains the richest country on Earth. We should be embarrassed that hunger and food insecurity still exist.

SNAP returns \$1.71 to the economy for every dollar spent, and it plays an important role in helping people escape poverty, maintain good health, excel in school or increase their work productivity. We hope you will find a way to support increased SNAP funding in the future.

Sincerely,

Board Chair

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