



ACHIEVING HEALTH EQUITY THROUGH CROSS-SECTOR COLLABORATION

April 28, 2021

The Honorable James P. McGovern
Chairman
Committee on Rules
U.S. House of Representatives
H-312, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman McGovern:

On behalf of The Root Cause Coalition (TRCC), we write to offer our enthusiastic support of the Committee on Rules' efforts to end hunger in America. We deeply believe that the Committee's hearing entitled "*Ending Hunger in America: Challenges, Opportunities, and Building the Political Will to Succeed*" is a much-needed step towards addressing long-standing health inequalities in our nation.

As a coalition of cross-sector organizations committed to achieving health equity, TRCC is grateful for the Committee's bold decision to focus on food insecurity. As you well know, access to nutritious food is central to achieving health equity and is a basic human right. We believe the Committee on Rules can accelerate substantive progress towards ending hunger and we are especially grateful for the Committee's effort to highlight conditions that persist outside the traditional scope of health care.

As always, thank you for your leadership and your continued attention to health and economic inequalities. We stand ready to support your effort towards mutual goals of achieving health equity for every American.

Sincerely,

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