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Dear Tom Vilsack Head of the USDA and Michael Regan of the EPA,
cc: Bernie Sanders, Head of the Budget Committee

Congratulations on your appointment! We are grateful for your decades of service to justice, equality, and access to all supporting human beings to fulfill their fullest potential.

I am the Founding Executive Director of Moms Across America, a 501c3 nonprofit with nationwide networks and global partnerships. We are a National Coalition of Unstoppable Moms. We estimate we have reached over 100 million people in the past eight years through social media, documentaries, international and national speaking tours, mainstream and alternative media, and more. Our mission is to educate and empower mothers and others with actions and solutions to create healthy communities. Our motto is Empowered Moms, Healthy Kids.

America is in a health crisis. 1 out of 2 of our children currently have a chronic illness. 1 out of 2 males and 1 out of 3 females are expected to get cancer in America. 1 out of 5 people has a mental illness. 1 out of 8 has liver disease. 1 out of 2 children is projected to be on the autism spectrum by 2032. We see the health of our nation as a national security issue. In addition to robbing our children of their futures and impacting our country's education and future success, our health care costs could bankrupt our nation within a decade if we do not act now.

We are writing to ask you to strive to focus the budget on the following top priorities:

1. **Shift the budgeted subsidies for GMO crops and their related chemicals and allocate the funds to schools, senior centers, prisons, and veteran agencies for organic food.** As the city of Barjac, France (in the movie French Organic Food Revolution) proved, creating a market for organic food causes more GMO farmers to shift to organic farming and creates healthy economic growth. Switching to organic food has been shown in numerous studies to quickly reduce levels of toxic pesticides in our bodies, which have been shown to cause cancer, reproductive damage, neurotoxicity, liver disease, autism, weakened immune systems, and death. The best and first step towards a healthier America is not partially effective vaccines that contain toxins like PEG and aluminum or drugs with multiple side effects; it is access to organic food.

2. **Prioritize funding to support nonprofits that raise awareness about the CAUSE of these illnesses.** For decades, far too much taxpayer funding has gone towards organizations who have unsuccessfully sought the “cure” for multiple cancers, including breast cancer, liver disease, diabetes, infertility, and other serious health issues plaguing America. Doctors and numerous scientific studies show us that environmental factors are major contributing factors to cancer, infertility, and chronic illness. These include pesticides in GMO and non-organic foods, toxins in personal, medical, household products, and toxins (including electromagnetic radiation) in our school and office environments. We can PREVENT these illnesses and lower health care costs (much faster than treating symptoms with expensive drugs) dramatically by supporting the public to make healthier choices.
3. **Shift a portion of the budget to support new, young, and minority farmers.** America needs 100,000 new regenerative organic farmers to maintain and expand local food security, our health, and the future of our country. Supporting 2000 farmers per state with \$20,000 grants equals 2 billion dollars. This investment would create hundreds of thousands of jobs and bring hundreds of thousands of dollars into each local community, trillions nationwide. Supporting the growth of local small farmers is one of the most important acts you could do. We must support the food security and health of the local community. In doing so, we also regenerate the soil, decrease climate chaos, and increase the biodiversity of life, protecting endangered species and our ecosystems. 1” of additional organic matter in the ground retains 20,000 gallons of water per acre; therefore, regenerative farming, and building organic matter reduces climate change-induced drought,
4. **Shift the budget from unnecessary war weapon expenditures to supporting community centers** (such as Moms across America centers in partnership with the Boys and Girls Club or libraries), **which offer support for local moms:** i.e., pre and postnatal care, breastfeeding support, baby care, toddler training, preschool, elementary and high school challenges. The mothers of our nation, which make 90% of household purchasing choices, are the primary health caregivers to children, special needs children and elderly parents. They oversee homework, sports, community engagements, church and family events, in addition to full or part-time jobs, and are increasingly isolated and emotionally taxed. The number one complaint we get is that our mothers feel alone, depressed, and frustrated. They need support. Besides social media and due-collecting moms clubs, mothers have no centralized locations to gather and get support. Mothers need to have free in-person resources. These centers will offer speakers and support on eating healthy, growing food, and taking actions to prevent health issues. They would also provide connections between the local elderly and new moms who do not have family support, with an “Adopt a Grandmother or Grandfather” program. They would also be locations where mothers learn about recent bills, referendums, or policies that affect their families’ well-being, locally and nationally, and where they learn how they can get involved in creating change or run for office. Our mothers have an infinite resource of love and commitment to our families and country. Supporting them will create a solid foundation for strengthening our democracy for generations to come.

These four investments for the future #4Investments4Future:

Organic food,

Disease Prevention,

Organic Regenerative Farming, and

Mother Centers

will catapult America into a future where our youth can fulfill their potential and contribute to society, where the elderly are engaged and cared for with healthy food instead of dozens of expensive medications which have multiple side effects, where jobs are being created in every community, where citizens are actively participating in our political system productively, where diseases are diminishing, and health and our economy are flourishing.

Thank you for your consideration of these solutions. We welcome further discussion on how we can implement these concepts together.

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