

April 27, 2026

Dear Members of the Michigan Congressional Delegation,

The undersigned organizations and individuals strongly urge you to oppose H.R. 7567, the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. This bill misses a critical opportunity to fight hunger, support farmers, and protect rural communities.

We are deeply concerned that this bill weakens crucial state-level protections in Michigan regarding environmental health and worker safety. Specifically:

- **Pesticide Preemption:** Section 10205 shields pesticide manufacturers from lawsuits regarding labeling and warnings, threatening to undo Michigan's existing requirements for signage, warnings, and parental notification near schools, as well as our worker right-to-know law. Section 10206 eliminates the longstanding ability of local governments to regulate pesticides within their own borders, as determined by states' legislatures and constitutions.

Furthermore, H.R. 7567 includes harmful cuts and riders:

- **SNAP Cuts:** Proposed Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) cuts will devastate vulnerable populations, including children, seniors, and veterans, by slashing benefits, expanding work requirements, and causing severe economic harm to rural economies, including an estimated \$30 billion drop in farm revenue.¹ The shifting of benefit costs to states creates a massive unfunded mandate.
- **Conservation Funding:** The bill needlessly cuts funding for popular and effective conservation programs, despite a backlog of hundreds of Michigan farmers seeking financial assistance to improve air, water, and soil conditions. At the same time, small independent farmers are not prioritized in assistance allocation.
- **Animal Welfare (the Save Our Bacon or EATS Act):** Overturning state-level animal welfare laws would devastate small, independent farmers by destroying a stable premium market, benefitting corporate monopolies instead. This constitutes federal overreach and subverts the democratic will of voters.
- **PFAS:** This bill fails to meet the moment by not addressing soil and water contamination with per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) from biosolids and runoff. Farmers require federal assistance, capacity building for soil and water testing, transition or remediation strategies, and health support.

We respectfully request that you oppose this legislation.

¹ https://democrats-agriculture.house.gov/uploadedfiles/250409_-_ag_dems_-_snap_facts.pdf

Sincerely,

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Michigan Organic Food and Farm Alliance

Progress Michigan

Michigan League of Conservation Voters

Michigan Sierra Club

Michigan Voices

Civic Empowerment Coalition

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