

May 1, 2024

The Honorable Martin Heinrich  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural  
Development, Food and Drug Administration,  
and Related Agencies  
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Room S-128, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable John Hoeven  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural  
Development, Food and Drug and Related  
and Related Agencies  
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Room S-128, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Heinrich and Ranking Member Hoeven,

We write to you today to request full and adequate funding for the U.S. Codex Office (USCO) in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Agriculture-Food and Drug Administration Appropriations bill. As a representative of the U.S. food and agriculture sector, the USCO plays an instrumental role in advocating and developing science and risk-based food standards on behalf of farmers, ranchers, and the food industry to protect the health of consumers and ensure fair practices in the food trade worldwide.

The USCO has a valued voice in various multilateral institutions, including the World Trade Organization, Codex Alimentarius Commission among others. At a time when global food security and our global food system remain a top priority, it is imperative the U.S. prioritize all tools necessary to promote transparency and science at an international level, including the USCO.

A lack of financial support for the USCO would hamper our nation's ability to engage on critical multilateral issues that affect all Americans as well as the greater global population. Therefore, it is imperative the USCO receives full and adequate funding for FY 2025.

Specifically, we request your subcommittee to set funding levels in line with, or above, FY 2024 levels at \$4.9 million. This funding would account for USCO's core functions that are mission critical to U.S. trade and global competitiveness, including day-to-day operations, written submissions, routine meetings, and other activities.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and for supporting the USCO and other critical U.S. government agencies.

Sincerely,

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Independent Bakers Association  
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National Seasoning Manufacturers Association  
National Turkey Federation  
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North American Renderers Association  
Northwest Horticultural Council  
SNAC International  
U.S. Apple Association  
U.S. Dairy Export Council  
USA Poultry & Egg Export Council  
USA Rice  
Wine Institute  
Wine America

Cc: The Honorable Patty Murray, Chair, U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations  
The Honorable Susan Collins, Vice Chair, U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations

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The Honorable Andy Harris  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural  
Development, Food and Drug Administration,  
and Related Agencies  
U.S. House Committee on Appropriations  
2362-A, Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Sanford Bishop, Jr.  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural  
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Cc: The Honorable Kay Granger, Chair, U.S. House Committee on Appropriations  
The Honorable Rosa DeLauro, Ranking Member, U.S. House Committee on  
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