

ALLIANCE FOR NATIONAL NUTRITION INCENTIVES (ANNI)

Statement of Purpose

ANNI is a collective of state, regional, and national stakeholders seeking to advance common priorities for the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP) in the 2023 farm bill. We will work through open dialogue and collaboration to identify areas of mutual agreement that we can advance together. Our work will be guided by the following core beliefs.

ANNI Core Beliefs

- Access to fruits and vegetables is inequitably distributed throughout the United States. This alliance acknowledges room for improvement in overcoming inequities. We intend to use our collective voice to strengthen program outcomes in the most impacted communities.
- The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a critical anti-hunger program that assists tens of millions of Americans struggling to purchase food. SNAP benefit adequacy should be evaluated on a regular basis to ensure it meets the needs of participants.
- Increased fruit and vegetable consumption as part of a nutritious diet is associated with decreased risk of diet-related chronic disease, yet nine out of ten people are not meeting the Dietary Guidelines for Americans' fruit and vegetable recommendations.
- SNAP nutrition incentives through GusNIP increase fruit and vegetable consumption and deliver significant economic benefits for food retailers and farmers through public-private partnerships.
- The benefits provided by GusNIP should be additive to SNAP benefits and expanded to be widely available throughout the United States.

National Stakeholders

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

American Heart Association

Bread for the World

Center For Science in The Public Interest

Fair Food Network

Farmers Market Coalition

International Fresh Produce Association

MAZON

National Grocers Association

National Produce Prescription Collaborative

National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition

Save the Children

Share Our Strength

Union of Concerned Scientists

Wholesome Wave

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State and Regional Stakeholders

Arkansas Coalition for Obesity Prevention
(Arkansas)

Farmers Market Fund & Oregon Food Bank
(Oregon)

Feeding Florida
(Florida)

Field & Fork Network
(New York)

Hunger Free Oklahoma
(Oklahoma)

Iowa Healthiest State Initiative
(Iowa)

Nourish Colorado
(Colorado)

Rhode Island Public Health Institute
(Rhode Island)

SPUR
(California)

The Food Basket Inc., Hawai`i Island's Food
Bank
(Hawaii)