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We, the 80 undersigned societies and organizations, including the [Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health](#) (MSCCH) which is composed of 57 major medical societies and 25 state clinician groups representing approximately 700,000 physicians and health care providers around the country, write in support of farm policy that prioritizes both affordable and nutritious food and clean air and water. To achieve this, we urge you to prioritize human health in upcoming farm policy discussions. This includes supporting both robust nutrition programs for economically challenged families and conservation programs that support soil health, air quality, and clean water.

Nutrition programs and conservation efforts are two sides of the same coin, and both are critically important in feeding families across the country. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program supports 12.5% of the US population (an estimated 41.2 million people, including 15 million children and over 1.2 million veterans). Programs like SNAP feed low-income Americans and foster healthier diets. At the same time, important conservation programs, like the Title 2 Conservation programs, can protect our health and environment, and restore healthy soil, water, and clean air, while simultaneously producing nutrient-dense food and are currently available to all 2 million US farmers. By safeguarding our food supply and farmland, these widely embraced conservation programs fortify soil resilience against the impacts of the climate crisis. They play a crucial role in safeguarding our nation's water supply, effectively mitigating antibiotic residues, chemical toxins, and harmful bacteria. This, in turn, saves billions of dollars allocated for water decontamination efforts and the treatment of multidrug-resistant infections. Climate-smart practices included in the conservation programs also decrease air pollution and greenhouse gas production, while saving farmers money by reducing fossil fuel, chemical fertilizer, and pesticide use.

As health care professionals and scientists, we urge you to prioritize nutrition security for all and to protect historic investments in conservation programs. Food security and clean air and water are essential to the health and mental health of our patients and communities. Both of these priorities merit the resources to ensure a healthier future for all.

Respectfully,

MSCCH Executive Committee Members

American Academy of Pediatrics

Medical Students for a Sustainable Future

American College of Emergency Physicians

Montana Health Professionals for a Healthy Climate

American College of Physicians

American Medical Association

Society for Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility

American Psychiatric Association

Virginia Clinicians for Climate Action

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Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments

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American College of Osteopathic Internists

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American Heart Association

American Medical Student Association

American Public Health Association

American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery

Arizona Health Professionals for Climate Action

Association of Academic Physiatrists

Association of Medical Device Reprocessors

Carolina Advocates for Climate, Health, and Equity

Children's Environmental Health Network

Climate Code Blue

Climate Health Now

Climate Psychiatry Alliance

Connecticut Health Professionals for Climate Action

Endocrine Society

Georgia Clinicians for Climate Action

Global Climate and Health Alliance

Global Consortium on Climate and Health Education

Health Care Without Harm

Health Professionals for a Healthy Climate

Healthy Air and Water Colorado

Healthy Climate Wisconsin

Idaho Clinicians for Climate and Health

Illinois Clinicians for Climate Action

Infectious Diseases Society of America

Interfaith Public Health Network

Mass General Brigham

Medical Society of Delaware

Michigan Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

Michigan Allergy & Asthma Society

Michigan Clinicians for Climate Action

Michigan State Medical Society

Mississippi Health Professionals for Climate and Health Equity

National Environmental Health Association

National Medical Association

Nevada Clinicians for Climate Action

New Mexico Health Professionals for Climate Action

New Hampshire Healthcare Workers for Climate Action

Physicians Against Red Meat (PHARM)

Physicians for Social Responsibility

- Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility
- Physicians for Social Responsibility Iowa
- Physicians for Social Responsibility Maine Chapter
- Physicians for Social Responsibility Pennsylvania
- Physicians for Social Responsibility New Mexico Chapter

- Texas Physicians for Social Responsibility
- Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility

Planetary Health Alliance

Puerto Rico Clinicians for Climate Action

Radiologists for a Sustainable Future

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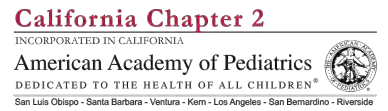
Union of Concerned Scientists

Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment

White Coats for Planetary Health (UM)

Wilderness Medical Society

Yale Center on Climate Change and Health



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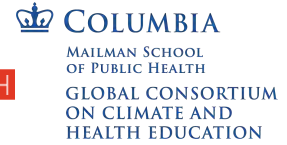


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