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The Honorable Cory Booker, Chair  
The Honorable Mike Braun, Ranking Member  
U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, & Forestry  
Subcommittee on Food and Nutrition, Specialty Crops, Organics, and Research  
328A Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senators Booker and Braun:

Congratulations on the recent Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee Subcommittee on Food and Nutrition, Specialty Crops, Organics, and Research hearing on the *State of Nutrition in 2021*. On behalf of the American Society for Nutrition (ASN), we are extremely pleased that the Subcommittee considers nutrition a topic that merits discussion and future attention. Our Society appreciates this important contribution to the advancement of nutrition research and public health. We applaud your leadership on this influential and important Congressional dialogue on nutrition and hope that this spotlight on the implications of poor nutrition on public health will be maintained and that current negative trends can be reversed.

We offer the assistance of our Society to further these discussions and for action on a White House Conference on Food, Nutrition, Hunger and Health. ASN is a not-for-profit, professional scientific society dedicated to bringing together the world's top researchers to advance the science, education, and practice of nutrition. ASN has more than 8,000 members around the world, working throughout government, clinical practice, academia, and industry, to conduct research and translate the results of that research in order to achieve the ASN vision of "A Healthier World through Evidence-Based Nutrition". Please keep ASN in mind as a resource to you in future discussions related to the State of Nutrition in 2021 and beyond, as well as the White House Conference on Nutrition.

I will follow up to schedule meetings with each of you so that we may discuss how ASN can best assist your efforts. Congratulations again on the success of this influential hearing with sincere thanks for well representing nutrition!

Warm regards,

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2021-2022, President