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The Honorable Jim McGovern  
U.S. House of Representatives  
370 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington DC 20515

Dear Representative McGovern,

As an organization concerned about the current state of nutrition in our nation, the American Society for Nutrition (ASN) writes to express our support for Representative McGovern's Resolution calling on medical schools, graduate medical education programs, and other health professional training programs to provide meaningful physician and health professional education on nutrition and diet (H.Res.784). 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 8,500 members around the world, working throughout government, clinical practice, academia, and industry, to conduct research to achieve the ASN vision of "A Healthier World Through Evidence-Based Nutrition".

As an organization with many healthcare professionals, including medical doctors and physician nutrition specialists, ASN well knows that never before has there been such need to equip healthcare professionals with the nutrition knowledge and skills needed to reduce the risk of many diet-related chronic diseases and assure healthy lifelong dietary patterns in children. Given that currently nutrition education in medical schools is inadequate, ASN has long engaged in efforts to improve clinical nutrition education for all healthcare professionals.

We offer the support of the American Society for Nutrition and our assistance for H.Res.784. Please feel free to contact Sarah Ohlhorst, MS, RD, ASN Chief Science Policy Officer, at 301-219-9890 or [sohlhorst@nutrition.org](mailto:sohlhorst@nutrition.org) if ASN may provide additional information or be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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2021-2022, President