

MEMORANDUM

To: Ambassador Susan Rice and Sharon Moffatt

From: The Gerald J. and Dorothy R. Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University

Re: Stakeholder Commitments from the Friedman School at Tufts University for the 2022 September White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health

The Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University is fully aligned with the Biden-Harris Administration's goals of ending hunger, increasing healthy eating, and lowering rates of diet-related diseases by 2030. In response to the White House call for Stakeholder Commitments, we at the Friedman School commit to the following actions to help achieve these national goals:

- The Friedman School pledges to training the next generation of leaders, through our graduate programs, with the knowledge, training, and skills to produce real world impact in science and policy around these national goals.
 - We commit to a curriculum review to ensure that our courses provide our graduate students with trans-disciplinary training in issues around addressing food and nutrition insecurity, hunger, diet-related diseases, nutrition policy, and community- and systems-based interventions.
 - We commit to advancing our students' appreciation of diverse lived experiences around these issues with new courses focused on nutrition equity.
 - We commit to creating experiences for our students outside of the classroom that center food and nutrition insecurity, hunger, diet-related diseases, and the perspectives of people with lived experience in these issues.
- The Friedman School pledges to advancing cutting-edge research, through the efforts our faculty and students, that informs and supports the White House goals.
 - We commit to hiring new faculty members in areas relevant to advancing these national goals, including in nutrition equity and in food as medicine.
 - We commit to providing pilot funding to support faculty research projects relevant to advancing these national goals.
- The Friedman School pledges to leveraging our Food & Nutrition Innovation Institute – the largest academic-private sector collaborative in the world around food sector innovation and entrepreneurship – to advancing these national goals.
 - We commit to holding Annual Summits focused on health and nutrition topics relevant to these goals, such as Food Is Medicine, Resilient Food Systems, Nutrition Innovation, and Equitable Food Systems.
 - We commit to continuing to host relevant programming for our Food & Nutrition Innovation Institute membership to encourage discussion and understanding of the roles that every sector – including food industry, health care industry, food retail and ingredient companies, nutrition innovation companies, and similar – can play toward advancing food and nutrition security, healthy eating, and well-being.
 - We commit to regular discussions and programming with our working groups to move the needle and advance the conversation across all sectors focused in the following areas:
 - Food as Medicine
 - Precision Nutrition
 - Sustainable Nutrition
 - Nutrition Security
- The Friedman School commits to advancing food and nutrition security, healthy eating, and well-being in our own institution.
 - We commit to creating support systems and relevant programming for our students, faculty, and staff focused on wellness. Such programs and activities include Annual Wellness Days, Weekly coffee socials, and Friday Walking Groups and historically and socially relevant activities (e.g., Black Heritage Trail, Irish Heritage Trail).
 - We commit to nutritious food offerings in all School activities and events.

- The Friedman School pledges to leverage their communications, events, and extensive networks to advance these national goals.
 - We commit to continued advocacy and education to support specific policy actions that will advance the White House Conference Pillars, as described in the report, [*Ambitious, Actionable Recommendations to End Hunger, Advance Nutrition, and Improve Health in the United States.*](#)
 - These include policy actions to help end hunger, improve nutrition, and reduce diet-related chronic diseases in the domains of Federal Nutrition Programs, Public Health and Nutrition Education, Health Care, Research and Science, Business and Innovation, and Federal Coordination.
 - We commit to working across sectors as an independent, science-based organization to provide objective information and evidence to key stakeholders, including:
 - Members of Congress
 - Administration and Agency leadership and staff
 - The private sector
 - Nonprofit and advocacy organizations
 - The media and public
 - We commit to leveraging our strengths as a trusted and independent convener to continue to bring together diverse sectors and perspectives around achieving these national goals, including across hunger or nutrition goals, political perspectives, geography, and non-profit and private sector organizations.
 - Among other activities, we pledge to co-host and raise funding support for several convening activities in the months following the Conference, including to convene the private sector around supporting the national goals and action strategy; and healthcare payers, providers, and nonprofits and for-profit vendors around Food is Medicine.

Thank you for the opportunity to play a role in this historic effort to collectively address the national goals of ending hunger, increasing healthy eating, and lowering rates of diet-related diseases by 2030. We stand with the White House in their timely actions drive solutions to these challenges.