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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Ramon Garcia
100 E. Cano, 1st Floor
Edinburg, TX 78539

Dear Judge Garcia and Hidalgo County Commissioners Court,

I sincerely apologize for not being able to attend the proclamation of support for the United States Department of Agriculture's Summer Food Service Program. I want to extend my deepest thanks to the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court for recognizing the importance of the Summer Food Service Program and ensuring that Hidalgo County's children have access to nutritious meals all year round.

I would also like to congratulate the Texas Hunger Initiative, the Boys and Girls Club, and other local community organizations for their commitment to the children of Hidalgo County. We can all agree that no child should ever go hungry.

As you all know, the Rio Grande Valley is a thriving agricultural community but suffers from one of the highest rates of food insecurity. This USDA program helps to address this problem and improve the lives of the children in our area. Together, we can expand access to healthy meals and increase food security in our communities in Hidalgo County.

I look forward to working with all of you to continue combating hunger and empowering the children of Hidalgo County. You can count on me to make sure our children have access to healthy food and the resources they need to succeed.

Sincerely,



Vicente Gonzalez
Member of Congress