

July 15, 2026

The Honorable John Boozman, Chairman
The Honorable Amy Klobuchar, Ranking Member
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Boozman and Ranking Member Klobuchar:

On behalf of the undersigned state poultry associations and the thousands of farm families, growers, and processors we represent, we write to express our strong support for the House-passed provision allowing SNAP participants to purchase hot rotisserie chicken, and to respectfully urge you to include this commonsense, no-cost fix in the Senate's Farm Bill.

For many working families, the hardest part of the day is getting an affordable, wholesome dinner on the table. A hot rotisserie chicken is one of the best values in the grocery store — a ready-to-eat source of lean protein that costs around \$6.80 on average, according to USDA, and can anchor a family meal or stretch into several more, from soups and casseroles and more.

Yet under current law, SNAP participants cannot buy one. Because of an outdated technicality, they may purchase a cold rotisserie chicken — the very same bird, simply refrigerated — but not a hot one. This outdated distinction benefits no one; it only denies families access to one of the most affordable and convenient healthy meals available.

Congress is the only body that can fix this. Governors from eight states have already requested waivers from USDA to make hot rotisserie chicken SNAP-eligible, and it is our understanding that USDA believes it does not have the legal authority to make hot rotisserie chicken SNAP-eligible without Congressional action.

The House has acted definitively. On April 30, the House adopted Rep. Rick Crawford's amendment incorporating the Hot Rotisserie Chicken Act into H.R. 7567, the Farm, Food and National Security Act of 2026, by an overwhelming bipartisan vote of 384–35. Companion legislation in the Senate, introduced by Senators Justice, Bennet, Fetterman, and Capito and cosponsored by seven of their colleagues from both parties, reflects the same broad, bipartisan support.

As the Committee works to advance the Farm Bill, we urge you to build on this momentum and include the Hot Rotisserie Chicken Act. Doing so will deliver a meaningful affordability win for millions of American families at no cost to program integrity. Thank you for your consideration and for your leadership on behalf of American agriculture.

Sincerely,

Alabama Poultry & Egg Association
California Poultry Federation
Delmarva Chicken Association (Delaware, Maryland, Virginia)
Georgia Poultry Federation
Kentucky Poultry Federation
Michigan Allied Poultry Industries
Mississippi Poultry Association
North Carolina Poultry Federation
Northwest Chicken Council (Oregon, Washington)
Ohio Poultry Association
PennAg Industries Association
Tennessee Poultry Federation

Texas Poultry Federation
The Poultry Federation (Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma)
Virginia Poultry Federation

cc: Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry