

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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President Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump,

As members of the Congressional Dads Caucus, we write to demand immediate action from your administration to address the skyrocketing price of eggs. Over the last several weeks, you have done nothing to address these rising costs. Moreover, your flurry of executive actions has hampered the government's response to effectively address the underlying causes of this crisis. Eggs are a basic necessity for families in our districts, and the financial burden caused by these surging prices must be resolved.

Under the Trump administration, families are spending more than 11% of their disposable income on food—the highest level in more than three decades. This week, the average price of a dozen eggs nationwide has reached \$5.00, with some retailers even limiting purchases. The U.S. Department of Agriculture predicts prices could rise another 20% this year, further straining small businesses and consumers alike. The National Restaurant Association reports that producer costs for eggs have increased by 134% year over year. Traditionally, eggs are an inexpensive, high-quality protein that can help feed families when the price of beef or chicken is too costly. But now, this modest staple has families and small businesses struggling to keep up. Further inaction will only cause families to fall further behind, straining other parts of their budget, such as child care, rent, or mortgage.

A factor contributing to this price increase is the outbreak of avian flu among chickens. Since February 2022, 140 million birds have been affected nationwide, and nearly 13 million birds have been infected or culled in just the past month alone. This outbreak is causing a massive shortage of egg-producing chickens. This novel strain of avian flu could threaten other parts of our food system if not properly managed. For example, nearly 1,000 cattle herds across 16 states have recently been affected, which could lead to future dairy impacts if inadequately controlled. Simply put, this flu will continue to disrupt the food supply chain until the outbreak is under control.

Because the price of eggs is inextricably linked to the avian flu, we are deeply concerned by your previous statements calling to disband the Office of Pandemic Preparedness and Response Policy (OPPR). Furthermore, your decision to pause communications coming from federal health agencies has exacerbated the situation. We are aware that your administration has already shut

down the OPPR website, further limiting transparency and access to crucial information, making it harder for farmers and public health officials to respond effectively. Furthermore, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's inability to produce its weekly report delayed two publications related to the bird flu since your order. Your actions are directly contributing to this affordability crisis facing American families.

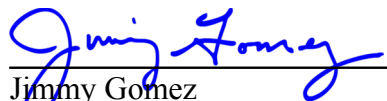
Given the urgent need to bring down egg prices, we ask for a speedy reply to the following questions on what actions your administration is taking to address this problem:

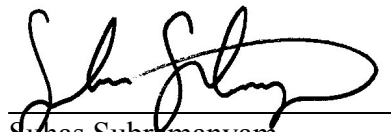
1. ***Roll Back Harmful Executive Actions and Take Immediate Steps to Control the Spread of Avian Flu:*** What specific steps is your administration taking to stop the spread of the avian flu, support poultry farmers, and stabilize the egg supply? How will you take decisive action to protect the health of our agricultural industry and ensure food security?
2. ***Provide Clarity on the Future of the Office of Pandemic Preparedness and Response Policy (OPPR):*** How will your administration ensure that the OPPR's vital functions continue? Shutting down resources critical to controlling pandemics during a food crisis is a failure of leadership, and we deserve clear answers about whether these efforts will be maintained or abandoned.

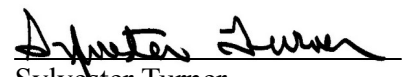
Mr. President, you've promised the American people that you would lower grocery prices. It's time to deliver. Families across the country cannot afford more delays or inaction. This is about the health, nutrition, and financial stability of millions of Americans who are already struggling.

We expect a prompt response outlining your administration's actions to lower egg prices, protect farmers, and prevent further strain on families. The American people need leadership and solutions—now.

Sincerely,

  
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Member of Congress

  
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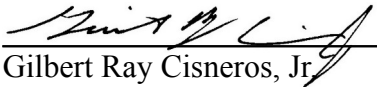
  
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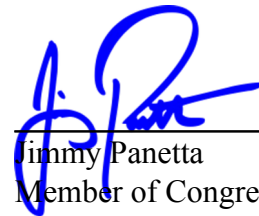
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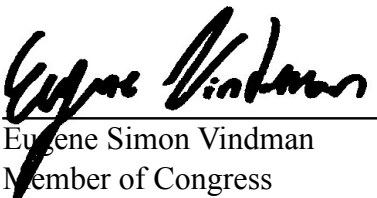
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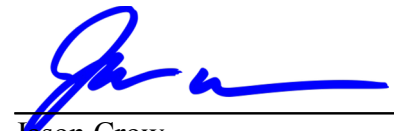
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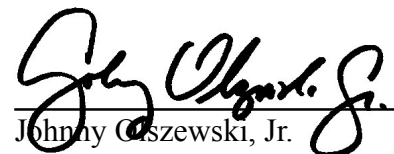
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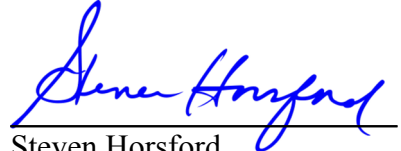
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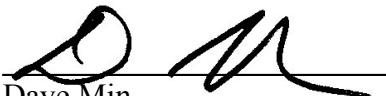
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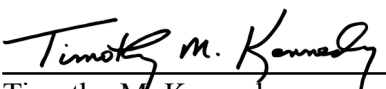
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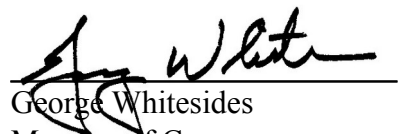
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