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TO: Commodity Supplemental Food Program:

I have had a chance to review funding proposals for the Commodity Program and consider how they would affect our program here at Riverside- San Bernardino County Indian Health. Upon careful consideration of the most recent proposals sent, I realize that the proposals do not provide adequate funding allowance for smaller agencies that have many tailgate sites.

Our program incurs most of our cost from travel to tailgate sites. We have seen a steady decline in participation over the last year or so due to per capita payments from our Tribes casinos. These costs incur because of the expense of fuel, keeping the air conditioning for foods in the trailer and repair for our truck and trailer from all the wear and tear from the travel that we do. The funding options proposed are based solely on participation and because of this, our program would really suffer the consequences of being a smaller program. If the funding proposal presented is used, we will have a difficult time meeting the cost demands of running our program especially to the tailgate sites which is where we do most of our distribution. The component where the Regional Negotiated Funding Amount can be added must be an amount adequate to support our tailgating. We are hopeful that there will be another funding option that takes tailgate expenses in to consideration on a greater scale.

A funding option that may benefit our program would be to offer negotiated funding amounts based on the average cost incurred for traveling to each tailgate site.

Thank You for your Consideration,

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