



## STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

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In August 2022, the White House announced the date for the much-anticipated Conference on Hunger, Nutrition and Health. To be held on September 28th, 2022, the event marks the first of its kind in 50 years - aiming to address hunger and other food-related concerns in the United States. Stakeholders are encouraged to make innovative and evidence-based commitments that are big and bold, eliminate disparities, go beyond what the federal government can do, and address the five pillars of the conference:

- 1. Improve food access and affordability**
- 2. Integrate nutrition and health**
- 3. Empower all consumers to make and have access to healthy choices**
- 4. Support physical activity for all**
- 5. Enhance nutrition and food security research**

The Wave Foundation strengthens community health, local economies, and environmental sustainability. Our work touches an array of interrelated sectors: food, energy, transportation, clean air & water, and zero waste. We are a coalition of partners collaborating to accelerate programs dedicated to creating change by improving broken systems, developing infrastructure, and elevating the voices of those historically left behind.

In collaboration with regional Indigenous, BIPOC, women, and small community based food producers and sovereignty leaders, The Wave Foundation is developing an Equity and Climate Marketplace. The initiative aims to build a more just, resilient, and self-sustainable food system by developing a new mixed-mode marketplace that connects and prioritizes these producers with large-scale food service and retail outlets within the sports and entertainment industry, convention centers, zoos & aquariums, colleges, business & industry campuses, restaurants, and other similar venues.

By joining forces with the White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition and Health and The Wave Foundation's Equity and Climate Marketplace, these pillars can be addressed with a comprehensive solution to obstacles faced by local and underrepresented stakeholders in the food industry.

We, the undersigned, commit to The Wave Foundation's vision of food equity and sustainability, and its intersection with the pillars of the White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition and Health. We will aid in pushing forward this work by:

- Working in partnership with The Wave Foundation to support the Equity and Climate Marketplace
- Prioritizing contracts with local partners and underrepresented communities
- Upholding the five pillars in ways that are relevant to our organization