

June 12, 2015

Nora Super  
Executive Director  
White House Conference on Aging  
200 Independence Avenue SW, Suite 637D  
Hubert H. Humphrey Building  
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Ms. Super:

The National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs (NANASP) and the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics urge you to include malnutrition prevention as part of the White House Conference on Aging.

We applaud the White House for organizing the 2015 White House Conference on Aging and for drawing attention to issues important to the aging community, including retirement security, healthy aging, long-term services and supports, and elder justice.

We draw your attention to the fact that that senior malnutrition is a growing, serious, and costly health crisis in the US. Given that as many as 1 in 3 hospitalized patients are malnourished upon admission to the hospital and patients with malnutrition and weight loss are at increased risk for hospital readmission, we encourage the White House to include the topic of malnutrition prevention in the Healthy Aging and Long Term Services and Supports sections of the conference agenda.

Malnutrition is a key indicator of older adult health and as identified in the 2015 White House Conference on Aging National Listening Session on nutrition held in January, there is need for a more systematic approach to identify, prevent, and treat malnutrition with a range of community and institution-based nutrition interventions.

Malnutrition can lead to negative health consequences including:

- Impaired wound healing
- Increased susceptibility to illness and infection
- Longer hospital stays
- Increased hospital readmissions
- Prolonged stays in rehabilitation facilities

Senior malnutrition is an urgent health crisis in the US, yet is also preventable and treatable. Please consider addressing malnutrition prevention during the 2015 Conference. We have attached to this letter supporting signatures and comments from our members.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director  
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Attachments

# Signatures

Name	Location	Date
Joslyn Crowe	Jersey City, NJ, United States	2015-03-19
rachael jones	columbus, OH, United States	2015-03-19
Danielle Pantalone	Harrisburg, PA, United States	2015-03-20
Tiffany Nagle	Franklin, MA, United States	2015-03-20
Jenifer Wagner	Gettysburg, PA, United States	2015-03-21
Concerned Citizen	New City, NY, United States	2015-03-21
Gina Solomita	Port Washington, NY, United States	2015-03-23
Julia Musacchia	New Hyde Park, NY, United States	2015-03-23
Celia Besore	Vienna, VA, United States	2015-03-24
Peggi Guenter, PhD, RN, FAAN	Reston, VA, United States	2015-04-17
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Chelsea Schaefer MFN, RD, LD	Columbus, OH, United States	2015-04-20
Steve Della Croce	Bellmore, NY, United States	2015-04-20
Jason Roberts	Cincinnati, OH, United States	2015-04-20
Amber Cottrell	Union, KY, United States	2015-04-20
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Sarah Borman	Cincinnati, OH, United States	2015-04-21
Amy Hanley	Beachwood, OH, United States	2015-04-21
Sarah Grinnell	Newport, RI, United States	2015-04-21
Shirley Chao	Andover, MA, United States	2015-04-21
Shannon Erskine	Greenwich, OH, United States	2015-04-21
Paul Downey	San Diego, CA, United States	2015-04-21
Sharon TerHaar	Muskegon, MI, United States	2015-04-21
William Kelly	San Diego, CA, United States	2015-04-22
Thomas Carnevale	Marblehead, MA, United States	2015-04-22
Carol Muschler	Southbridge, MA, United States	2015-04-22
Susan Poludniak	Lawrence, MA, United States	2015-04-22
Dot Kingsbury	Harwich, MA, United States	2015-04-22
WaiLing Balsley	Boston, MA, United States	2015-04-22
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Gary Cooper	Chicago, IL, United States	2015-04-23
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Tiffany Freeman	Harvey, IL, United States	2015-04-23
Karen Willson	Oceanside, CA, United States	2015-04-23
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Kathy Malloy	Jerseyville, IL, United States	2015-04-23
Hagler Holly	Anaheim, CA, United States	2015-04-23
Barbara Trax	Tully, NY, United States	2015-04-23
Julianne Holt	Fountain Valley, CA, United States	2015-04-23
Stuart Mizokami	Long Beach, CA, United States	2015-04-23
Lynn Daucher	Brea, CA, United States	2015-04-23
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Lilian Hoang	Anaheim, CA, United States	2015-04-23
Alex Alcantar	Anaheim, CA, United States	2015-04-23
Monica Mehren	Laguna Beach, CA, United States	2015-04-23
Rebecca Blum	Mayville, NY, United States	2015-04-24
Mark Adler	Fort Lauderdale, FL, United States	2015-04-24
Mary Ann Vincent	Yorba Linda, CA, United States	2015-04-24
Donna Masuda	Placentia, CA, United States	2015-04-24
Jane Militello	Gloucester, MA, United States	2015-04-24
Cindy Loser	Corona, CA, United States	2015-04-24
Rebecca Hinzmann	Eau Claire, WI, United States	2015-04-24
Oscar Rocha	Santa Ana, CA, United States	2015-04-24
Stella Macias	Santa Ana, CA, United States	2015-04-24
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Stuart Moss	Trabuco Canyon, CA, United States	2015-04-24
Jeannie Okeefe	Hesperia, CA, United States	2015-04-24
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Marilyn Ditty	Laguna Woods, CA, United States	2015-04-24
Christina Nielsen	Corona, CA, United States	2015-04-24
Maureen Nielsen	Corona, CA, United States	2015-04-24
joan adler	Lincoln, CA, United States	2015-04-25
CLAUDIA ELLANO	Lakewood, CA, United States	2015-04-25
Jennifer Stiff	Bedford, MA, United States	2015-04-27
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Debbie Case	San Diego, CA, United States	2015-04-27
Erin Ulibarri	Lake Forest, CA, United States	2015-04-27
Darla Olson	Anaheim, CA, United States	2015-04-27
Gregory Burket	Laguna Hills, CA, United States	2015-04-27
Diana Bissiri	Mission Viejo, CA, United States	2015-04-27
Murphy Murphy	San Juan Capistrano, CA, United States	2015-04-27
Barbara Hogan	Irvine, CA, United States	2015-04-27
Genie Walls	Laguna Hills, CA, United States	2015-04-27
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Mary Miranda	Laguna Hills, CA, United States	2015-04-28
Catherine Fletcher	Laguna Niguel, CA, United States	2015-04-28
Kim Than	Anaheim, CA, United States	2015-04-29
Shelli Mire	Mission Viejo, CA, United States	2015-04-29
Pat Bohse	Atlantic Highlands, NJ, United States	2015-04-30
Kathleen Pontin	New Haven, CT, United States	2015-05-01
michael thompson	San Juan Capistrano, CA, United States	2015-05-02
Abigail Perez	Anaheim, CA, United States	2015-05-05

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
Meredith Ponder	Washington, DC, United States	2015-05-06
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Madeline Buster	Columbus, OH, United States	2015-05-08
Joy Young	Oakland Park, FL, United States	2015-05-09
Nicole Connors	FRANKLIN, MA, United States	2015-05-13
Bryanne Johnson	Pittsburgh, PA, United States	2015-05-13
Ellen Conti	Pittsburgh, PA, United States	2015-05-13
Jean Terranova	Jamaica Plain, MA, United States	2015-05-13
Jayme halko	Lobdon, ENG, United Kingdom	2015-05-13
Eileen Flanagan	Swampscott, MA, United States	2015-05-14
Jen Alizio	Bellingham, MA, United States	2015-05-14
Simon Pitchford	San Francisco, CA, United States	2015-05-27
Alissa Wassung	Brooklyn, NY, United States	2015-05-27
Katelyn Baron	Philadelphia, PA, United States	2015-05-27
Holly Fishbein	LOS ANGELES, CA, United States	2015-05-27
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Marianne Wetherill	Tulsa, OK, United States	2015-05-27
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Laurie Lang	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2015-05-27
Julie Falchuk	Austin, TX, United States	2015-05-27
Tony McCarty	Santa Fe, NM, United States	2015-05-27
Sandra Torres	San Juan, PR, PR, United States	2015-05-27
Ron Karp	Occidental, CA, United States	2015-05-28
Pamela Casey-Aziz	Oakland, CA, United States	2015-05-28
Y. Armando Nieto	Oakland, CA, United States	2015-05-28
Zimmerman Jan	Brooklyn, NY, United States	2015-05-28
Kathy Patrick	Alexandria, VA, United States	2015-05-28
Angela Aidala	New York, NY, United States	2015-05-28
Rev Terry Troia	Ashburn, VA, United States	2015-05-28
Rusty Bennett	Birmingham, AL, United States	2015-05-28
Suraj Madoori	Chicago, IL, United States	2015-05-28
Frances McMullen	Branford, CT, United States	2015-05-29

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Terri Brennan	Marietta, GA, United States	2015-05-29
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Jessica White	Atlanta, GA, United States	2015-05-29
Matthew Pieper	Roswell, GA, United States	2015-05-29
Judi Butin	Atlanta, GA, United States	2015-05-29
Joy Goetz, MS, RD, LD, CHES	Atlanta, GA, United States	2015-05-29
Laura Wilson	New Haven, CT, United States	2015-05-29
Jamie Hamblin	Atlanta, GA, United States	2015-05-29
Theresa GALvin	Brooklyn, NY, United States	2015-05-29
keith rozek	Marietta, GA, United States	2015-05-29
Julie Reader	Atlanta, GA, United States	2015-05-29
Reena Panjwani	New York, NY, United States	2015-05-29
Andrew Hoffman	Houston, TX, United States	2015-05-29
William McColl	Washington, DC, United States	2015-05-29
Alberto Cortes	San Diego, CA, United States	2015-05-29
David Wentz	Philadelphia, PA, United States	2015-05-29
Ronni Curtis	San Juan Capistrano, CA, United States	2015-05-29
Zsa Gilbert	Tustin, CA, United States	2015-05-29
John Kelley	Lake Forest, CA, United States	2015-05-29
Veronica Lopez	Aliso Viejo, CA, United States	2015-05-29
Catherine Lee	Oceanside, CA, United States	2015-05-29
Patricia McCauley	Newport Beach, CA, United States	2015-06-02
Shawan Allen	Marietta, GA, United States	2015-06-03
Jeannemarie Beiseigel	Stillwater, MN, United States	2015-06-07

# Comments

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Celia Besore	Vienna, VA	2015-03-24	The National Association of Hispanic Nurses advocates for a more systematic approach to identify, prevent, and treat malnutrition with a range of community and institution-based nutrition interventions.

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Steve Della Croce	Bellmore, NY	2015-04-20	<p>o As many as 1 in 3 hospitalized patients is malnourished upon admission to the hospital</p> <p>o Malnutrition can lead to negative health consequences including1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Impaired wound healing</li> <li>o Increased susceptibility to illness and infection</li> <li>o Longer hospital stays</li> <li>o Increased hospital readmissions</li> <li>o Prolonged stays in rehabilitation facilities</li> </ul> <p>• Malnutrition is an urgent health crisis.</p> <p>It is also treatable and preventable.</p>



Name	Location	Date	Comment
Paul Downey	San Diego, CA	2015-04-21	Access to nutritious food is critical to a seniors' overall health and well being.
Sharon TerHaar	Muskegon, MI	2015-04-21	•Malnutrition is an urgent health crisis. It is also treatable and preventable. Please address this issue.
Carol Muschler	Southbridge, MA	2015-04-22	I believe malnutrition is a real threat for older adults and one the White House Conference on Aging should spotlight.
Susan Poludniak	Lawrence, MA	2015-04-22	I am a Registered Dietitian and I believe this is an important topic for discussion to help prevent hospital re-admissions
Dot Kingsbury	Harwich, MA	2015-04-22	As a Registered Dietitian, I recognize the importance of good nutrition for the prevention & treatment of illness & poor quality of life in our aging population.
Lisa LaBonte	Waterbury, CT	2015-04-22	Because as a Senior Nutrition Director I work with seniors who some suffer from malnutrition and feel this is an important topic that needs to brought to light and discussed.
Ann Cooper	Berwyn, IL	2015-04-22	Keeping seniors nourished mitigates so many chronic conditions and improves daily living.
Gary Cooper	Chicago, IL	2015-04-23	Seniors deserve the help provided by The Older Americans Act and Meals on Wheels.
Schneider Jill	Philadelphia, PA	2015-04-23	Malnutrition is a serious issue facing the elderly and should be included in the agenda.
Hagler Holly	Anaheim, CA	2015-04-23	Excellent senior nutrition is vital to healthy aging and reducing health care costs.
Barbara Trax	Shrewsbury, MA	2015-04-23	I have seen and worked with many elders who have suffered from insufficient food and the costly and illness it can create.
Julianne Holt	Fountain Valley, CA	2015-04-23	I believe this is a major issue and challenge for our seniors.
Kathy McDougall	Anaheim, CA	2015-04-23	I have been a case manager at a home-delivered-meals nonprofit for 8 years. I have seen the difference having a stable food source makes in the physical, mental and emotional health of today's seniors. Their quality of life can improve dramatically helping them to decrease need for medications and frequent doctor's visits. And not having to worry if they have enough food creates a more positive outlook. We should be taking care of the seniors who took care of us.
Alex Alcantar	Anaheim, CA	2015-04-23	I have seen the difference that nutrition, and other support services, make in the lives of seniors.
Rebecca Blum	Mayville, NY	2015-04-24	I strongly believe in the message
Mary Ann Vincent	Yorba Linda, CA	2015-04-24	I am a nurse and currently working with a Care Transition program.. At least 30% of our clients need nutritional support (meals on wheels) and at one hospital 66% required support for nutrition. I often wonder about the seniors we don't see...how many of them are hungry and malnourished? We need to do something to respect our Seniors!
Jane Militello	Gloucester, MA	2015-04-24	I have been involved with nutrition provision to elders for over 25 years and see the need for nutrition education and instruction, access and affordable choices growing exponentially. It is growing, serious, and increasingly costly on many levels. Preventive health starts with good nutrition.
Marilyn Ditty	Laguna Woods, CA	2015-04-24	Nutritional services for homebound elderly is critical to the long term care policy
Darla Olson	Anaheim, CA	2015-04-27	This is a very important issue to me. Malnutrition prevention should be important to every person because nutrition is key in developing healthy society. A healthy society costs us all much less than an unhealthy one.

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Patricia Alexander	San Juan Capistrano, CA	2015-04-28	As senior's age in place they often don't eat enough for many reason's, one of them being not enough money. They are often forgotten about and we need to make sure they have food, it's that simple.
Ray Chicoine rchicoine@mhealth.com	Mission Viejo, CA	2015-04-28	Nutritional services for homebound elderly is critical to the long term care policy
Kim Than	Anaheim, CA	2015-04-29	As a case manager for Home Delivered Meals program, I can see the important of having proper nutrition in the quality of lives of older adults. It is very vital and important for people to have their basic needs met in order for them to flourish and thrive in lives. In this case, it is nutrition especially for the aging population who is at risk for hospital readmission, increase in illness and infection. I have come across many clients who came to the Home Delivered Meals program due to malnutrition and dehydration that led them to hospitalization. Having malnutrition prevention is very significant to alleviate many negative health consequences, such as prolonged stays in rehabilitation and longer hospital stays that are associated with the older adult population.
Kim Than	Anaheim, CA	2015-04-29	As a case manager for Home Delivered Meals program, I can see the important of having proper nutrition in the quality of lives of older adults. It is very vital and important for people to have their basic needs met in order for them to flourish and thrive in lives. In this case, it is nutrition especially for the aging population who is at risk for hospital readmission, increase in illness and infection. I have come across many clients who came to the Home Delivered Meals program due to malnutrition and dehydration that led them to hospitalization. Having malnutrition prevention is very significant to alleviate many negative health consequences, such as prolonged stays in rehabilitation and longer hospital stays that are associated with the older adult population.
Abigail Perez	Anaheim, CA	2015-05-05	It is vital because "malnutrition in the elderly population is one of the most vulnerable groups -and is a problem of increasing national concern. Recent studies have shown that one out of four older Americans suffer from poor nutrition, which then leads to health issues.
Joy Young	Oakland Park, FL	2015-05-09	I'm signing because we have to have a healthy America for those that help developed and be a part of this country!
Bryanne Johnson	Pittsburgh, PA	2015-05-13	Malnutrition is an extremely important issue facing the elderly population in our country today!
Simon Pitchford	San Francisco, CA	2015-05-27	My agency see's the impact of food insecurity and malnutrition every day. A low cost intervention can have a huge impact
Alissa Wassung	Brooklyn, NY	2015-05-27	Malnutrition is one of the leading causes of hospitalization overall in the US and it is even worse for the elderly. Nourishing our elderly properly - for their diagnosis and limitations in their activities of daily living - can help them live healthier lives. And by helping the elderly to remain at home, we keep them happy while saving precious healthcare dollars by avoiding institutionalization.
Christinaorg Hall	Santa Ana, CA	2015-05-27	I am signing on behalf of the member organizations and community members that belong to the Orange County Food Access Coalition.
Tony McCarty	Santa Fe, NM	2015-05-27	I care about the health and welfare of all Americans.
Ron Karp	Occidental, CA	2015-05-28	Food insecurity is the root of ill health. Providing healthy food is cost effective.
Pamela Casey-Aziz	Oakland, CA	2015-05-28	A focus on malnutrition prevention for seniors will help save healthcare dollars. You can help to prevent costly hospital stays and rehabilitation especially by making sure that malnutrition is assessed pre and post admission. It is vital that our health care professionals include malnutrition assessments upon admission and discharge. Help save our senior communities and help save money.

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Angela Aidala	New York, NY	2015-05-28	As a public health professional, I am acutely aware of the importance of good nutrition for healthy aging.
Frances McMullen	Branford, CT	2015-05-29	The National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs (NANASP) is petitioning the White House Conference on Aging to include the topic of Malnutrition Prevention in the Healthy Aging and Long Term Services and Supports sections of the conference agenda. It is stunning that it is not included yet
Jessica White	Atlanta, GA	2015-05-29	Food is Medicine, and we can keep people out of hospitals and in better health if we invest in proper nutrition up front.
Matthew Pieper	Roswell, GA	2015-05-29	Investments in nutrition programming ultimately saves tax dollars as food and nutrition services are vital to keeping people healthy and avoiding costly hospitalizations.
Laura Wilson	New Haven, CT	2015-05-29	I have countless clients who benefit from home delivered meals, and healthy pantry food items when provided by healthy food programs such as Caring Cuisine in New Haven and our food pantry at AIDS Project New Haven.
Ronni Curtis	San Juan Capistrano, CA	2015-05-29	I am signing this petition because food insecurity is an issue among the aging population in California.