

SALLIE ALCORN Houston City Council Member At-Large, Position 5

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The Honorable Al Green U.S. House of Representatives 2347 Rayburn HOB Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Green,

I am pleased to support your "Improving Food Access Pilot Program" Community Project Funding proposal. This program will implement small retail interventions to address the gaps in both food access and related education which disproportionately impacts certain communities in Houston.

I recognize the benefits that localized access to fresh foods can bring to areas that currently have limited access and higher comorbidity rates. Without access to fresh food, many Houstonians must pay higher prices, travel further, or resort to unhealthier options, which negatively effects their health and quality of life. Providing access to commonly consumed food items at competitive prices, including fresh fruits and vegetables and other perishables, such as eggs, milk, and cheese, along with food related education and community events, is a win-win. Additionally, this program will create neighborhood job opportunities with competitive wages.

I support this initiative to improve food access and address inequities impacting underserved communities and look forward to seeing the positive changes it can bring to our community.

Sincerely,

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