September 5, 2019

Representatives Tim Ryan and Ted Lieu
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives:

I am writing on behalf of The Center for Nutrition Advocacy (CNA) in support of HR 1887, which creates a National Institute of Nutrition.

CNA is an initiative of the Board for Certification of Nutrition Specialists℠ (BCNS℠), the foremost certifying body for advanced nutrition professionals. We spearhead a broad coalition of nutrition stakeholders including educational institutions, professional associations, consumer advocacy groups, and other organizations. Our mission is to advance the pivotal role of nutrition in healthcare through forward-thinking public and private policy.

We appreciate that you all have introduced HR 1887 with a goal of creating the National Institute of Nutrition "to facilitate and help coordinate incisive research into nutrients, foods, and their relationships to better health."

We are in a period of seismic transformation of human health, with nutrition at its epicenter. The message from nutrition science is profound: nutrition is the single most powerful determinant of our health. The research areas the bill lays out for the Institute hone in on some of the most important areas of nutrition today.

We know that nutrition, particularly personalized nutrition, can make a tremendous impact on the health of Americans both individually and collectively.

Thank you for sponsoring this legislation. CNA welcomes collaboration with legislators seeking to promote nutrition-based solutions to today’s challenging health and healthcare environment. If we can be of any assistance, please contact us at info@nutritionadvocacy.org.

Sincerely,

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