

National Commission on Hunger hosts public hearing in Washington, DC

Washington, DC (July 14, 2015) — The National Commission on Hunger invites the public to provide input on how to ensure Americans have access to sufficient, healthy food. Public testimony will inform the Commission's recommendations to Congress and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The 10-member National Commission on Hunger is a congressionally appointed bipartisan commission charged with developing innovative reforms in both public and private food assistance programs to reduce or eliminate food insecurity. The recommendations are meant to include ways to more effectively use USDA programs and funds. As part of its information-gathering process, the Commission is conducting a series of public hearings across the country.



The Commission, in collaboration with USDA and RTI International, will host a public hearing in Washington, DC on **July 14, 2015**, at **Marbury Plaza, 2300 Good Hope Rd SE, Washington, DC 20020** from 2:30 pm – 5:30 pm EDT. Invited speakers will testify from 2:35pm – 3:40pm EDT and include the following individuals:

- Audrey Rowe, *Administrator for the Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture*
- Tracy Wareing Evans, *Director of the American Public Human Services Association (APHSA)*
- George A. Jones, *Chief Executive Officer, Bread for the City*

The Commission will then listen to testimony from the general public between 3:45pm-5:30pm ET. The public and media are invited to the full hearing. The public can sign up to testify on the Commission website or on the day of the hearing at the location. All testimonies will be recorded and made available to the public. Commissioners will be on hand to speak with the press about the significance of the hearing and of their charge.

To learn more about the Commission, the public hearing, invited speakers, and upcoming events, visit the Commission website at <https://hungercommission.rti.org/>.

To contact the Commission:

- 1) submit a message at <https://hungercommission.rti.org/Contact> or
- 2) send a tweet to the Commission [@NatCommHunger](https://twitter.com/NatCommHunger).

The Commission has held public hearings in Albany, New York; Little Rock, Arkansas; Oakland, California; and El Paso, Texas. An additional hearing is scheduled for Portland, Maine.

For further information on this Washington, DC event or other Commission activities, please contact Andrea S. Anater, PhD at RTI International at 919-541-6977 or aanater@rti.org