Dear Mark Spencer MP,

Food Hub Fund Pilot

We are a group of organisations championing resilient and sustainable food systems. As you know, the UK’s food supply has experienced different pressures, including food shortages. Our research also found that farmers often receive less than 1% of the profit made in the supermarket chain.

Supporting a more diverse and local/regional supply chain would start to tackle some of these challenges. Therefore, we are proposing that Defra pilots a Food Hub Fund to help support 15 new food hubs across England.

A £5 million fund would help these new enterprises invest in market research, building supplier relations, and infrastructure and equipment.

This would support the UK Government’s environmental and food security objectives, while driving innovation in the UK’s food system and supporting the best of British.

We have enclosed a briefing setting this out in more detail. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further with you.

Yours sincerely,

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