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Dear Restaurateur,

We are writing to inform you about Everyone Eats, an exciting new program that empowers Vermont restaurants to help feed their neighbors during the COVID-19 economic crisis.

In response to COVID-19, restaurants, farmers and community organizations across Vermont have stepped forward to help feed neighbors experiencing food insecurity. These programs have helped stabilize communities by nourishing Vermonters, alleviating the surging demand on food shelves, and providing economic support to restaurants. The State of Vermont has allocated \$5M from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) to a new program called Everyone Eats, which supports restaurants feeding Vermonters who have been negatively impacted by COVID-19. The program will run from August 1 through December 18, 2020.

Participating restaurants will be paid \$10/meal and at least 10% of the ingredients for each meal must be sourced from local farms and value-added food producers. Meals must be nutritionally balanced. For this program, "restaurants" include brick and mortar, caterers, food trucks/cart, and any other food service provider that typically pays VT Meals Tax. You do NOT need to pay Meals Tax on this revenue.

Restaurants can participate by engaging with community scale projects that are being coordinated by "hub" organizations. To learn more about the program, please visit the program [website](#).

Are you interested in learning more about how you can participate in this program? Please fill out this [survey](#) and leave your contact information. Community organizers in your community will get in touch with you.

Thanks for all you do for our communities. We hope this program will provide you some support in these turbulent times.

Sincerely,

The Everyone Eats Statewide Task Force