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## ***Real Cuts with Real Consequences: An Update on the Farm Bill and Proposed Cuts to SNAP***

**NFG/GIST/SAFSF Webinar**

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### **Speaker Bios**

**Jim Weill**, President, Food Research and Action Center, [jweill@frac.org](mailto:jweill@frac.org)

Jim Weill has been President of the Food Research and Action Center – FRAC – since February 1998, making him the longest-serving FRAC director. FRAC is the leading anti-hunger public policy group in America, using research, lobbying, coalition-building and public education to combat hunger. Jim has devoted his entire professional career to reducing hunger and poverty, protecting the legal rights of children and poor people, and expanding economic security, income and nutrition support programs and health insurance coverage for low-income people. Prior to joining FRAC, he was at the Children's Defense Fund (CDF) as Program Director and General Counsel. He led CDF's efforts in 1985 that produced the first major expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit and oversaw CDF's health coverage expansion, child care, and child support enforcement reform efforts. Before CDF, Jim was Deputy Director and Director of Federal Litigation at the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago. He litigated major law reform and class action cases in the federal court of appeals and U.S. Supreme Court on Social Security, Medicaid, AFDC, food stamps and other public benefits issues, and the rights of children born out of wedlock. Jim is chair of the board of directors of the Alliance for Justice Action Council and is a member of the boards of OMB Watch and the National Center for Youth Law. He serves on the advisory council to the National League of Cities Institute for Youth, Education and Families. He has served as a member of the U.S. delegation to the UNICEF Executive Board.

**Joann Lo**, Executive Director, Food Chain Workers Alliance, [joann@foodchainworkers.org](mailto:joann@foodchainworkers.org)

Joann Lo is the Executive Director of the Food Chain Workers Alliance. She graduated from Yale University with a degree in Environmental Biology and has organized with both unions and a worker center. In 2000 Joann was one of two staff who started the Garment Worker Center, and she organized with garment workers in Los Angeles who led a successful campaign against retailer Forever 21, memorialized in the Emmy-winning documentary "Made in L.A." In 2005 Joann joined Enlace, an alliance of worker centers and unions and a year later became Co-Director. Joann is a member of the interim Coordinating Team of the US Food Sovereignty Alliance, the City of Los Angeles' Sweatfree Advisory Committee, the Good Food Procurement Working Group of the L.A. Food Policy Council, and the Enlace Institute Advisory Board.