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Respected Madame Gandhi,

Let me begin this letter to you with a huge congratulations for the visionary position taken by the National Advisory Council under your inspiring leadership by recommending the inclusion of **Millets in the PDS. This revolutionary step will not only dramatically alter the food and nutritional security of this country but also bring enormous livelihood and farming benefits to hundreds of millions of farmers in the vast dryland areas of India where poverty still reigns in spite of the awesome progress made by India.**

**Millions of farmers, women, S Cs and S Ts from across the country have endorsed this historic action of yours. But still they are a bit apprehensive about the possibility of a slip between the cup and the lip. And hence on a request by the Millet Network of India, hundreds of thousands of them from across the South India, Orissa and other parts of the country have signed their own post cards with a passionate message to you to steer this NAC recommendation into a Parliamentary Act.**

We have sent all the details of the post cards signed as attachments to this mail of ours.

We would also like to draw your kind attention to two other documents:

1. **Hyderabad Declaration by a Nutritionists Conclave on Millets in Nutritional Security of India**
2. **Medak Declaration by a group of eminent concerned citizens on the Inclusion of Millets in the Public Food Distribution in India**

Both of these are reflective of the growing concern in the minds of eminent nutritionists and food policy specialists who feel that bypassing millets in National Food Policy might be hugely depriving India of a possible nutritional secure future.

We earnestly request you to kindly look at these documents carefully alongside the fervent appeal by hundreds of thousands of very small, poor farmers, women and men, dalits and tribals from the dryland India and continue to lead this country into a millet based food and nutrition system

with warmest regards

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## Encl :

1. **Details of the post cards sent to you to steer NAC recommendation into a Parliamentary Act.**
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