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Subject: Invitation to Participate in Focus Group Discussions – Shaping Our Community's Food Policy

To: Belinda Drake <bdrake@engagingsolutions.net>

Dear Food Access Champion:

We are reaching out to invite you to an important focus group session hosted by the Indianapolis Community Food Access Coalition. Your insights and experiences are invaluable as we strive to better understand and meet the community's needs in our ongoing food equity and accessibility initiatives.

About Our Initiative: The Indianapolis Food Access Advisory Commission (IndyFAC) and the Division of Community Nutrition and Food Policy (DCNFP) are pivotal in advancing citywide food policy initiatives and advocating for food equity and healthy food access. Established in 2021, these bodies have played a critical role in addressing issues such as racial inequity in the food system, reducing food insecurity, and ensuring equitable access to nutritious food in Indianapolis.

Our Priorities Include:

1. Developing a comprehensive food equity policy.
2. Removing barriers to increase engagement in government-funded food programs.
3. Establishing a Food Hub to support local growers and retailers.
4. Providing support and education to local farmers to grow their food businesses.

Join the Conversation: We are holding two focus group sessions to gather community feedback and further our goals:

5. **Focus Group #1:** Thursday, May 9, from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM at Finish Line Boys and Girls Club (next to CAFE) 3870 N. Post Rd, Indianapolis 46226.
6. **Focus Group #2:** Thursday, May 16, from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM at Watkins Park Community Center 2360 Dr M L King Jr St, Indianapolis, IN 46208.

Incentives: We value your time and input. As a token of our appreciation, the first 15 registrants for each session will receive a \$50 gift card. If you plan to bring guests, please ensure they register as well to secure their participation and eligibility for incentives.

Registration Information: To learn more and register for the focus group, please visit [this link](#). Your participation is crucial in shaping policies that reflect the needs and aspirations of our community.

We are excited to hear your thoughts and work together towards a more inclusive and equitable food system in Indianapolis.

Sincerely,
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