

Statement of Nourish Science CEO Jerold Mande

December 6, 2022—Today a panel of experts from the Reagan-Udall Foundation released its <u>findings and recommendations</u> to improve the Food and Drug Administration's Human Foods Program. The review was prompted by an infant formula shortage earlier this year that generated intense criticism of the FDA's response.

We appreciate the panel's thoughtful review to delve into complicated issues and its recommendation to elevate nutrition and chronic food illness by creating a Center for Nutrition. Unfortunately, the report lacks actionable steps toward funding, staffing, and maintaining such a center to ensure its viability and effectiveness. That's unacceptable.

Nourish Science is a new non-governmental organization (NGO) that is focused on solving the country's current nutrition crisis. We plan to focus internally on the key policymakers and policy levers in the executive and legislative branch.

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