



SNAP Support Letters – 115th Congress

National Organizations and Coalitions

- [2018 Farm Bill letter to House and Senate Budget and Appropriations Committees](#) (pdf) – FRAC is proud to have played a leadership role in developing support for this letter urging the House and Senate Budget and Appropriations Committees not to “hinder development and passage of the 2018 Farm Bill with further cuts.”
- [Agriculture/conservation/food and nutrition groups urge Congress](#) not to make budget cuts to the agriculture and nutrition programs.
- The [National Anti-Hunger Organizations \(NAHO\) letter](#) asks Congress and the Administration to safeguard and protect all federal nutrition programs.
- The [SAVE \(Strengthening America’s Value and Economy\) for All letter](#) advocates for economic fairness, asking Congress and the Administration to prioritize the funding needs of programs serving vulnerable families and individuals.
- [The National Association of Counties \(NACo\) resolution](#) demonstrates their support for moving a SNAP reauthorization in conjunction with a reauthorization of the Farm Bill and protecting the current entitlement status and funding structure of SNAP.
- The [House Agriculture Committee’s Budget Views and Estimates letter](#), addressed to the House Budget Committee Chairman Black and Ranking Member Yarmuth, urges the House Budget Committee to maintain the entitlement structure of SNAP and reject any attempts to further cut funding or place additional burdens on those looking to access SNAP benefits.
- U.S. Conference of Mayors resolution: [Urging the Passage of a Farm Bill That Supports Healthy Food Access and Sustainable Food Systems](#) (*scroll down page for resolution*).
- [Nebraska’s letter](#) urges protection of the “federal nutrition assistance programs from block grants and other structural changes and protect these programs from arbitrary budget cuts that target the most vulnerable among us.”

State Officials and Governmental Entities

- [Massachusetts letter](#) to the members of the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation, from The Massachusetts Food Association, the Retailers Association of Massachusetts, the Food Bank Coalition of Massachusetts (made up of the Greater Boston, Worcester County, Merrimack Valley and Western Massachusetts food banks), the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute and Massachusetts Public Health Association.
- The [California letter](#) details why the federal nutrition programs are so critical and the severe consequences of cutting the funding for these programs.
- The [Massachusetts letter](#) outlines who benefits from the federal nutrition programs and why protecting and defending the current structure of the programs is so important.
- The [New York letter](#) addresses how vital access to the federal nutrition programs are and urges the New York delegation to protect the programs from any structural changes.

- [The Alaska letter from Governor Walker to the Alaskan Congressional Delegation](#) urges a shared commitment to ensuring a strong and effective national nutrition safety net for vulnerable low-income individuals and families in Alaska.
- The Illinois letters addressed to the [Illinois Congressional Delegation](#) and the [Illinois Governor](#) urges them to protect and strengthen the federal nutrition programs against any benefit cuts or changes in entitlement structure in 2017 and beyond.
- A proposed state legislative resolution from the [General Assembly of Pennsylvania](#) opposes efforts to block grant funding or reduce the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.
- The federal farm bill is vital for bringing food from North Dakota farms to households across America. SNAP is the largest section of the farm bill and it “supports our economy and keeps our families healthy and strong,” writes [State Rep. Gretchen Dobervich \(ND-District 11\)](#) in this letter to the editor.
- [Maryland's letter](#) strongly urges the Maryland Congressional Delegation "to support the vital federal nutrition programs in the 2018 Farm Bill."
- [This letter to the Tennessee Congressional Delegation](#) urges rejecting SNAP cuts or structural changes.

City Councils and Local Municipalities

- [Albany City Council](#) supports the SNAP/CalFresh programs, and opposes any cuts to benefits, limits on eligibility, and efforts to block grant the SNAP program.
- The [Municipality of Anchorage](#) supports efforts to protect SNAP from cutbacks and restructuring, as these programs are essential to Anchorage’s most vulnerable households.
- The [Alameda County Community Food Bank letter](#) contains signatures of elected representatives from cities and communities across Alameda County, and urges support of CalFresh/SNAP, and opposes any cuts to benefits, limits on eligibility, and efforts to block grant the SNAP program.
- The [Marin County Board of Supervisors letter](#) outlines the importance of SNAP/CalFresh for residents of Marin County and the state of California and urges Representatives from California on the House Agriculture Committee to defend and strengthen SNAP.
- [Worcester, Massachusetts Mayor Joseph Petty](#) supports SNAP and urges Massachusetts Representative Jim McGovern and Massachusetts Senators Ed Markey and Elizabeth Warren to support SNAP and oppose any cuts, limits on eligibility, or efforts to block grant the SNAP program.