

PROTECT SNAP: LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Congress must take **IMMEDIATE ACTION** to ensure the Farm Bill — or any legislation — reverses the devastating cuts and harmful impacts on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) that were included in the budget reconciliation law, H.R. 1.

NO FARM BILL, FARM RELIEF — OR ANY LEGISLATION — SHOULD ADVANCE UNTIL THE CUTS ARE ADDRESSED.

SNAP MATTERS

SNAP is a federal commitment to prevent hunger among Americans with low incomes, and in doing so, safeguards the nation's health and strengthens its agricultural economy. By boosting food-purchasing power through normal channels of commerce, SNAP reduces hunger, improves health (from birth outcomes to chronic disease management), lowers health care costs, and stabilizes Americans facing trade-offs with rent, medicine, and utilities. It is especially vital for older adults, people with disabilities, veterans, and families with children — and it drives local economic activity for farmers and retailers. SNAP is America's first line of defense against hunger and a proven public health and economic stabilizer.

RESTORE SNAP: REVERSE THE DEEPEST CUTS IN PROGRAM HISTORY

H.R. 1 cuts \$187 billion from SNAP, the largest reduction ever enacted. These cuts shift unprecedented costs to states, expand punitive eligibility time limits, and eliminate protections for veterans, older adults, families with low incomes, and humanitarian-based noncitizens. The Restoring Food Security for American Families and Farmers Act of 2025 would reverse these provisions and reestablish SNAP as a fully federally funded, countercyclical support that protects families during economic downturns. Congress should use every opportunity to reverse the harm to SNAP in H.R. 1. This includes The Protecting Food Security for American Families and Farmers Act, which would safeguard state budgets, local economies, and millions of households.

PROTECT SNAP CHOICE AND STRENGTHEN ACCESS

Efforts to restrict what foods SNAP participants can buy are costly, ineffective, and harmful. SNAP recipients' diets mirror those of other low-income households; restrictions ignore structural drivers of poor nutrition — insufficient income, affordability, and limited retail access. States should be allowed to focus on running the program effectively under the new burdensome mandates of H.R. 1, including lowering error rates, versus spending administrative funds and staff time on what does not work.

STOP USDA REORGANIZATION

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is continuing with its plans to relocate employees and close regional offices. Congress must heed the majority of comments (82 percent) submitted to USDA during the reorganization proposal review period that expressed negative sentiment and use its oversight to stop the reorganization. Moving USDA staff out of Washington, D.C., and consolidating and moving regional offices would severely disrupt the federal nutrition programs that tens of millions of Americans rely on. Additionally, cuts to USDA Rural Development staffing would further weaken food system investments, infrastructure projects,

and local economic resilience across rural America. Congress must ensure USDA remains fully equipped to administer the programs that feed, serve, and stabilize the nation.

OPPOSE UNLAWFUL DATA COLLECTION AND DEFEND SNAP'S INTEGRITY

Congress must stop USDA from ordering states to turn over personal and sensitive data on SNAP participants and applicants or otherwise face potential noncompliance penalties, including suspension or loss of SNAP administrative funding. In over 60 years of federal-state partnership, USDA has never required such a sweeping disclosure of personally identifying information (PII). Federal law restricts USDA's access to PII, and for decades, the agency has relied on anonymized data or small samples to perform oversight. Threats to privacy undermine confidence in SNAP, discouraging eligible households from applying. It feeds families, improves health, strengthens local economies, and upholds America's promise that no one should go hungry. SNAP matters.

REINSTATE THE USDA FOOD SECURITY REPORT

Congress must demand USDA reinstate the *Household Food Security* report. Since 1997, this report has provided the benchmark for accountability and policy evaluation, showing how many families struggle to put food on the table. The data is essential to ensuring that SNAP and other federal nutrition programs can effectively respond to the need. The 2024 data revealed 47.9 million people — including 14.1 million children — faced food insecurity, or one in seven U.S. households. The end of this report will hide the effects of policy decisions like H.R. 1 and make hunger invisible. Reliable and accurate data published annually gives lawmakers the transparency essential for effective policymaking and for protecting the millions who rely on federal nutrition programs.

! CONGRESS MUST !

1. Reverse the SNAP cuts in H.R. 1.
2. Preserve the national food security data system.
3. Stop USDA's reorganization.
4. Reject costly restrictions that threaten SNAP access and choice.
5. Oppose unlawful data collection and defend SNAP's integrity.

PROTECTING SNAP IS PROTECTING AMERICA'S HEALTH, ECONOMY, AND FUTURE.