

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) helps over 42 million participants put food on the table each month, supporting food security, improving health outcomes, and boosting academic performance. When the number of families struggling to make ends meet increases, SNAP responds quickly and effectively to meet that need.

## SNAP Action Needed

Congress should again protect SNAP's structure and funding, and strengthen SNAP by adopting provisions contained in the following bills:

**Closing the Meal Gap Act** will soon be introduced by Rep. Adams (D-NC) and Sen. Gillibrand (D-NY).

- Bases SNAP benefit allotments on the more adequate Low-Cost Food Plan.
- Boosts SNAP benefits for older adults forced to choose between food and medicine.
- Boosts SNAP benefits for families with children forced to choose between food and shelter.
- Boosts the SNAP minimum monthly benefit, which is currently only \$23.
- Enhances efficiency by eliminating time limits and the excess shelter deduction cap.
- Improves equitable access by extending SNAP to Puerto Rico.

**Enhance Access to SNAP Act (EATS Act)** will soon be introduced by Rep. Gomez (D-CA) and Sen. Gillibrand (D-NY).

- Eliminates the barriers that college students with low incomes face when accessing SNAP.

**Hot Foods Act of 2025** (H.R. 2512/S. 1202), introduced by Reps. Meng (D-NY), Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Hayes (D-CT), Garbarino (R-NY), Nunn (R-IA), et al., and Sen. Bennet (D-CO).

- Ends the prohibition on use of SNAP benefits to purchase hot prepared foods from food retailers.

**Restore Act** will soon be introduced by Rep. Cohen (D-TN) and Sen. Booker (D-NJ).

- Repeals the lifetime federal ban on individuals with felony drug convictions from receiving SNAP.

**Enhanced Cybersecurity for SNAP Act** will soon be introduced by Sen. Wyden (D-OR).

- Improves Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card security by providing a timeline for states to transition to chip cards and reimburses states for some of the transition costs.
- Ensures EBT card security keeps pace with private sector safeguards.

**Fairness for Victims of Skimming Act** (H.R. 3117/S. 1540), introduced by Reps. Meng (D-NY) and Lawler (R-NY), and Sen. Fetterman (D-PA).

- Permanently extends replacement benefits and full replacement of stolen benefits for SNAP participants.

## SNAP Priority Legislation Awaiting Introduction

### *Ensuring Equitable Access to SNAP*

**Tribal Access to Nutrition Assistance Act** would improve SNAP access for Tribal populations, including by allowing participation in both SNAP and the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR).

**Equitable Nutrition Assistance for the Territories Act** would create a pathway for access to SNAP to Puerto Rico, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands (currently operating under a block grant).