Headline: SNAP Cuts Threaten Families in Our Community and Impact Our Local Economy

To the Editor:

The recently passed budget reconciliation package deeply cuts the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), a lifeline for our neighbors who struggle to put food on the table. Many families with children, older adults, veterans, and people with disabilities in our community rely on SNAP to keep hunger at bay and now face difficult decisions about paying for food or other basic needs such as housing.

SNAP participants won’t be the only ones to suffer. Farmers, food retailers, truckers, workers up and down the food industry chain, and our local economy will be affected. Every dollar spent on SNAP generates up to $1.80 in economic activity during an economic downturn.

Charities will be overwhelmed and unable to keep up with demand. For every meal provided by a food bank, SNAP provides nine.

In addition to causing people to lose access to SNAP, the act shifts costs previously covered by the federal government to our state. For the first time ever, starting in 2027, our state must pay a portion of SNAP food benefits, and next year, it must cover 75 percent of administrative costs. [STATE] and [COUNTY/LOCAL GOVERNMENT] will have to make impossible choices: raise taxes, cut essential services like schools and public safety, or reduce access to SNAP.

Congress must right this wrong. We call on [SENATOR/REPRESENTATIVE] and all Members of Congress to reverse the harmful effects of the budget reconciliation package and prioritize the health of our community, state, and nation.

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