

Congressional Lobby Request (April 2024)

## Support Farm Bill policies for all Americans

Everyone deserves to live healthy lives and have access to nutritious foods. RESULTS supports the following policies to improve the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and enact a Farm Bill for ALL Americans:

**H.R. 1510/S. 2435: Improving Access to Nutrition Act**  
(Rep. Barbara Lee, D-CA/Sen. Peter Welch, D-VT)

SNAP recipients without dependents must document “sufficient hours of work” or lose benefits after three months. This harsh policy forces many struggling adults into food insecurity. The rule especially harms veterans, youth aging out of foster care, formerly incarcerated individuals, and people experiencing homelessness. Research shows that work requirements do not lead to an increase in employment. Access to food should not have a time limit.

**Goal:** End the three-month time limit for adults without children to receive SNAP.

**H.R. 3519/S. 2258: The Hot Foods Act** (Rep. Grace Meng, D-NY/Sen. Michael Bennet, D-CO)

SNAP recipients cannot purchase hot foods (e.g., rotisserie chickens), except during a disaster. This outdated rule creates a barrier to fresh and healthier food options for SNAP users. For example, many working families do not have the time to prepare these meals. In some instances, they do not have access to kitchens. Also, recipients with disabilities often physically cannot cook meals from scratch.

**Goal:** Allow the use of SNAP benefits to purchase hot prepared foods from food retailers.

**H.R. 3479/S. 1753: The RESTORE Act** (Rep. Steve Cohen, D-TN and Rep. John Rutherford, R-FL/Sen. Cory Booker, D-NJ and Sen. Raphael Warnock, D-GA)

Currently, 22 states impose a lifetime ban from SNAP for felony drug convictions. Many of these returning citizens are parents of young children. Denying them SNAP benefits increases the difficulty in maintaining a nutritious diet. Also, returning citizens face complex financial challenges. These challenges include parole/probation costs and finding stable employment. Access to SNAP benefits would ensure they can still eat despite these challenges.

**Goal:** Repeal the lifetime ban from SNAP for people with felony drug convictions.

**Please co-sponsor these bills and speak to House Agriculture Chair Thompson and Ranking Member Scott / Senate Agriculture Chair Stabenow and Ranking Member Boozman, urging them to include these policies in a new Farm Bill.**