

Congressional Lobby Request (February 2026)

## Reverse harmful changes to nutrition assistance programs

The harmful One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R.1) passed last year and changed how the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is funded. This legislation is the largest cut to the program ever. It will negatively impact millions of low wage workers and families receiving food assistance.

### An Attack on the Fight Against Domestic Hunger

For the first time in SNAP's nearly 90-year history, states will have to pay a portion of the program's benefit costs. However, a few states will receive a carve-out — delaying implementation until Fiscal Year 2030 (FY30). The unequal treatment leaves most states vulnerable. This comes at a time when SNAP benefits already fail to cover the rising costs of food, and states are struggling to support state-sponsored services amid declining revenues. They now face an impossible choice:

- Absorb the costs of the federal reductions;
- Slash other vital services, like education, public safety, road/highway maintenance, etc.; or
- Eliminate SNAP entirely.

As states grapple with reduced federal funding for SNAP, an estimated 2.4 million people will lose benefits. Households who retain benefits may see reductions averaging \$327 per year. Cuts of this magnitude will be felt in all communities, especially rural America. Low-wage workers, children, seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities will be unable to meet basic needs.

**Make no mistake: Congress dismantled the nation's most effective protection against hunger while providing tax cuts to wealthy Americans and corporations. If Congress refuses to repeal these devastating cuts to SNAP, it must delay them for all states, not just a few.**

Everyone deserves to live healthy lives and have access to nutritious foods. SNAP is a lifeline that keeps families fed, stabilizes communities, and strengthens the economy. We cannot allow this fundamental attack on food security to stand.

**Delay the SNAP cost sharing provisions in the One Big, Beautiful Bill Act for all states. Anything less threatens to end food assistance for millions of families and children.**