

2026 U.S. Poverty Laser Talk

Protect children and families by delaying devastating cuts to SNAP

Engage: Right now, the nation's most effective anti-hunger program — the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) — is being dismantled, leaving millions at risk of going hungry.

Problem: Under last year's One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R.1), states will now pay a share of SNAP benefit costs. This unprecedented cost shift puts an estimated 2.4 million people at risk.

Inform: To cover these tens of millions of dollars in new costs, states must now cut SNAP or threaten funding to other important services. Rural communities and low-wage workers will be hurt. Children, seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities will lose benefits. These cuts will get locked in this year. While a few states have received a temporary delay, most have not. Every state needs more time to prepare.

Call to Action: Food prices are rising and families are struggling. Yet everyone deserves access to nutritious food. If Congress will not repeal the SNAP cost-shift rule, they must at least delay it for *all* states until 2030. Will you oppose any Farm Bill or farm-related bill that does not delay this dangerous cut to SNAP?

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