

Get on the record for solutions to poverty

As members of Congress and the administration turn their attention to busy election year activities, we can't let them leave the needs of those experiencing poverty behind. Together, advocates across all 50 states will show leaders that our communities will come together to get on the record in support of solutions to poverty. We expect our leaders to show up and get on the record with poverty solutions too.

Take action to get on the record

Read about the two issues below. Then use the RESULTS On the Record postcard to write why you are showing up to end hunger and ensure children thrive.

A key moment for action on global child health

Quick facts about global child health

- Each year, 5 million children die before their fifth birthday of preventable causes, including 2.3 million newborns; many die from vaccine-preventable diseases such as pneumonia, rotavirus, and measles.
- Last year, 10.2 million children did not receive a single childhood vaccine dose.
- Vaccines are one of the most cost-effective interventions to save lives and prevent illness. Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance is a global partnership that improves access to vaccines for children across the world. Since 2000, they have helped vaccinate 1 billion children and prevented more than 17.3 million child deaths.

The opportunity

- On June 20, the Biden Administration announced a historic new 5-year commitment to Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance.
- We need to get our community on the record celebrating this pledge and making sure the U.S. government continues to rally behind Gavi's lifesaving work.

Request: I urge Congress to rally behind the work of Gavi, to help save more than 8 million more lives.

Protect and strengthen U.S. food and nutrition programs

Quick facts about U.S. hunger and poverty

- Seventeen million households in the U.S. are food insecure, including one in six children.
- One in seven seniors were living in poverty in 2022, and 10 million seniors report worrying about having sufficient food.
- The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) ensures all Americans have access to basic nutrition. Benefits are modest, averaging \$7 per day per person.
- SNAP serves nearly 40 million people each month. Over 80 percent of SNAP recipients are families with children, older Americans, and persons with disabilities.

The opportunity

- Congress is overdue to pass a new Farm Bill, which includes SNAP.
- We need community members on the record in support of solutions that improve nutrition and strengthen our community.

Request: I urge Congress to protect and strengthen SNAP in the new Farm Bill by expanding access and increasing benefit amounts. Congress must also oppose SNAP policies that would cut benefits, reduce eligibility or restrict individual food choice.

Take action: postcard prompts

- **Pick the issue** you want to write about (one per card)
- Start with **Dear Representative** [last name] or **Dear Senator** [last name]
- Share **why you care** about this issue
- Share one of the quick facts from above
- Include the **request** at the end
- **Sign your name, city, and state** (share contact information if you are comfortable)

How this makes a difference

RESULTS advocates will deliver these messages to candidates and members of Congress. We'll let them know our community is on the record calling for solutions to poverty and we want them to take action too.

If you are interested in attending an upcoming congressional meeting, let your local RESULTS group know or contact volunteer@results.org.