

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
1600 Independence Ave NW
Washington D.C., 20515

Dear Mr. President,

We write to you to express our strong concerns regarding your FY2021 budget proposal to decrease funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) by \$15 billion next year and nearly \$200 billion over the next decade. If Congress were to appropriate funding to match your recent budget request, it would negatively impact the ability for those in need to enroll in the program and receive necessary assistance.

We, the undersigned, have a unique perspective on food assistance and the benefits it provides working families throughout America. As Members of Congress from different parts of the country, each of us participated in SNAP or its predecessor, the food stamp program, during times of financial struggle for our families. Today, we firmly believe that we would not be able to serve our constituents in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate if it weren't for both the hard work of our parents and the opportunities provided to us by the American people. This is the American dream.

For this reason, we are writing today on behalf of the over 36 million American families who currently depend on SNAP, like ours once did, to make ends meet and help the next generation achieve upward mobility. It is imperative that we keep SNAP intact, or we will see millions of Americans, including vulnerable children, go hungry.

Over 70% of SNAP recipients live in households with children, and over 25% live in households with seniors or individuals with disabilities. Not only does SNAP provide moderate assistance for families like ours throughout the nation, it also boosts our economy more than any other government assistance program. Every dollar of SNAP increases the GDP by \$1.73. SNAP's benefits even extend beyond the families it helps – it encourages more purchasing power, creates jobs, and supports our farmers, grocery stores, truck drivers, and many others.

Our families' American Dream was possible because of the generosity of this country, including food assistance. We call on you to amend your proposed budget and remove all intended cuts to SNAP. Thank you for your attention to this important issue, and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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