

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Brooke L. Rollins
Secretary
Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Rollins:

I write today with deep concern regarding the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) misguided cancellation of Household Food Security Report. At a time when millions of Americans are being impacted by the largest cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in U.S. history and rising grocery prices, the Household Food Security Report is more important than ever.

For nearly three decades, the Household Food Security Report has been an essential tool in state and federal decisions surrounding food assistance programs. The latest USDA report, published in September last year, found that 18 million U.S. households were food insecure at some time during 2023, a million more than in 2022.¹ Without this data, federal and state lawmakers will not have the necessary data to understand how the Trump Administration's SNAP cuts are affecting food access for families.

In August, grocery prices rose at their fastest pace in three years, directly related to short-sighted tariff and immigration policies from the Trump Administration.² Today, more than half of Americans cite grocery costs as a major source of stress, and the burden will only grow as the prices of everyday staples continue to climb.³ The Household Food Security Report will help shows how families are coping with these rising costs and whether they can still afford to put food on the table. Without this report, the true extent of the impacts will remain hidden.

On top of rising every day costs, Donald Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) cut funding to SNAP by \$186 billion, leaving seniors, children, and working families across the country without critical access to healthy and affordable food.⁴ In Illinois, this means at least

¹ *Trump ends annual report on U.S. hunger amid rising food insecurity*, The Washington Post (September 21, 2025) (online at <https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2025/09/21/trump-usda-hunger-report-food-insecurity/>)

² *3 reasons your grocery bill is getting more*, CBS News (September 20, 2025) (online at [expensive https://www.cbsnews.com/news/rising-food-prices-us-tariffs-climate-labor-shortage/](https://www.cbsnews.com/news/rising-food-prices-us-tariffs-climate-labor-shortage/))

³ *Americans are worried about grocery prices again, and they're making changes*, CNN (August 8, 2025) (online at <https://www.cnn.com/2025/08/08/business/grocery-prices-trump-poll>)

⁴ *Estimated Budgetary Effects of Public Law 119-21, to Provide for Reconciliation Pursuant to Title II of H. Con. Res. 14, Relative to CBO's January 2025 Baseline*, CBO (July 4, 2025) (online at <https://www.cbo.gov/publication/61570>)

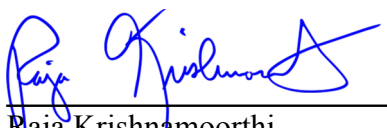
205,000 people are at immediate risk of losing their SNAP benefits.⁵ These cuts come at a time when the Trump Administration is gutting federal funding to food banks and school lunch programs, further decimating the safety net.⁶ The Trump Administration and Congressional Republicans are chipping away at resources Americans need to feed their families, while defunding the survey that analyzes the impact.

To justify the cancellation of this report, USDA stated “These redundant, costly, politicized and extraneous studies do nothing more than fearmonger.”⁷ This decision comes shortly after the former commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics was ousted because data showed lower jobs growth in May and June that contradicted the Trump Administration’s narrative.⁸ If USDA and the Trump Administration maintain that this report is “redundant and politically motivated,” officials must prove this to the public.

Republicans have implemented chaotic policies that have driven up the cost of household goods, slashed SNAP benefits, cut billions from food banks and school lunch programs, laid off food inspectors responsible for preventing outbreaks, and even canceled the annual report that tracks how many Americans are going hungry. The Trump administration and Congressional Republicans have undermined Americans’ access to healthy food, and now the USDA must ensure it collects the most accurate data on food insecurity to anticipate the needs of seniors and working families.

I strongly urge you to reconsider funding the Household Food Security Report, so lawmakers and the American people can clearly see the impact of cuts to SNAP and other vital nutrition assistance programs. I respectfully request a response to this concern by October 14th.

Sincerely,



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⁵ *The Trump Administration’s One Big Beautiful Bill Act Will Drive Up Costs in Illinois*, CAP (August 6, 2025) (online at <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.americanprogress.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2025/08/OBBBAfamilies-IL.pdf>)

⁶ *USDA cancels \$1 billion in funding for schools and food banks to buy food from local suppliers*, CBS News (March 13, 2025) (online at <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/usda-cancels-local-food-purchasing-food-banks-school-meals/>)

⁷ *USDA Terminates Redundant Food Insecurity Survey*, USDA (September 20, 2025) (online at <https://www.usda.gov/about-usda/news/press-releases/2025/09/20/usda-terminates-redundant-food-insecurity-survey>)

⁸ *Trump fires labor statistics chief after large revision to jobs report*, Washington Post (August 1, 2025) (online at <https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2025/08/01/trump-fires-bls-chief/>)