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Agriculture Committee

Rep. Angie Craig, Ranking Member, House
Agriculture Committee

Rep. Tim Walberg, Chair, House Education
and the Workforce Committee

Rep. Bobby Scott, Ranking Member, House
Education and the Workforce Committee

May 12, 2025

Dear Congressional Leaders,

We, the 168 undersigned businesses and organizations, urge you to oppose cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and school meal programs during reconciliation and throughout the 119th Congress.

As leaders in business, health, agriculture, and food production, we express our strong support for SNAP and federal school meals. These programs are vital to a prosperous and healthy America. Any cuts to funding for these programs through reconciliation or other efforts would have catastrophic impacts on US business and the health of millions of Americans, particularly given the current high cost of food.

SNAP and school meal programs are powerful economic drivers that support businesses, create jobs, and sustain American agriculture. Every dollar issued in SNAP benefits generates up to \$1.54 in additional economic activity¹. SNAP and school meal programs provide reliable markets and steady revenue for retailers, food manufacturers, distributors, and farmers. In 2023, 260,000 American retail businesses of all sizes directly received \$124.3 billion in sales from people shopping with SNAP². School meal programs use local foods, which can provide a dependable source of income for small-scale U.S. farmers³. SNAP and school meals are also critical to the health and well being of millions of people in the U.S., including the 29.7 million students⁴ who participate in the school lunch program and the 20 million, or 1 in 5, children who

¹USDA Economic Research Service. Quantifying the Impact of SNAP Benefits on the U.S. Economy and Jobs. Accessed March 7, 2025. Available at:

<https://www.ers.usda.gov/amber-waves/2019/july/quantifying-the-impact-of-snap-benefits-on-the-u-s-economy-and-jobs>

² USDA Food and Nutrition Service. SNAP in Action Dashboard. Accessed March 7, 2025. Available at:

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/data-research/data-visualization/snap/action>

³USDA Economic Research Service. Child Nutrition Programs-National School Lunch Program. Accessed March 7, 2025. Available at: <https://www.ers.usda.gov/topics/food-nutrition-assistance/child-nutrition-programs/national-school-lunch-program>

⁴ USDA Food and Nutrition Service. National School Lunch Program-Participation and Lunches Served. Accessed March 7, 2025. Available at: <https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/slsummar-2.pdf>

rely on SNAP. These programs improve health⁵, lower healthcare costs⁶, and reduce sick days for workers⁷.

Eliminating or reducing these programs would harm businesses of all sizes, from family farms to national brands, weakening the economy, while leaving millions hungry. We urge you to protect these programs, ensuring that SNAP and federal school meals remain a foundation of economic prosperity and food and nutrition security for the millions of people in the U.S. who rely on them.

SNAP and school meals are good for business and health. Please oppose cuts to these critical programs in reconciliation and over the course of the 119th Congress.

Sincerely,

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
Advocates for Better Children's Diets
Alaska Food Policy Council
Alliance to End Hunger
American Academy of Family Physicians
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American Heart Association
American Public Health Association
American Society for Nutrition
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
Appalachian Sustainable Development
Arteagas Food Center
Association of State Public Health Nutritionists
Balanced
Barcelo Gardens Fresh Market
Bedford VA Farmers Market
Birdhouse Farmers Market
Black Mountain Tailgate Market
Blooming Junction
Blue Ridge Women in Agriculture
Boundless Farmstead
Boutique Flower Gardens
Bread for the World
California Grocers Association
California Immigrant Policy Center

⁵ Center for Science in the Public Interest. The Impact of SNAP on Health. 2022. Available at: https://www.cspinet.org/sites/default/files/2022-03/The_Public_Health_Impact_of_SNAP_v2.pdf

⁶ Keith-Jennings B, Llobrera J, Dean S. Links of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program With Food Insecurity, Poverty, and Health: Evidence and Potential. *Am J Public Health*. 2019 Dec;109(12):1636-1640. doi: 10.2105/AJPH.2019.305325. PMID: 31693420; PMCID: PMC6836787.

⁷ Gregory CA, Deb P. Does SNAP improve your health?. *Food Policy*. 2015 Jan 1;50:11-9.

Carolina Farm Stewardship Association
Carringer Farms
Carteret Local Food Network
Cary Farmers Market
Center for Ecoliteracy
Center for Science in the Public Interest
Charlottesville City Markets
Chef Ann Foundation
Chicago Food Policy Action Council
Community Farm Alliance
Community Food Advocates
Community Involved in Sustaining Agriculture (CISA)
Cornerstones
Cultivate Kansas City
Daily Table
Dakota Rural Action
Daybreak Homestead
E Palmer Supermarket
Eno River Farmers' Market
Equity Advocates
FACT (Food Animal Concerns Trust)
Fair Food Network
Farm to Table - New Mexico
Farmers Market Coalition
Farmers Market Fund
Farmers of Orange
Farmington Municipal Schools
Feast Down East
Feeding New York State
Feeding Southwest Virginia
Field & Fork Network
Flat Tack Farm
Florida Impact
Flying Coyote Farm
Food Bank of Alaska
Food Bank of the Southern Tier
Food Research & Action Center (FRAC)
FoodCorps
Fox Urban Farms, LLC
FRESHFARM
Friendly City Food Co-op
Friends and Family Farm
Full Cellar Farm LLC
Fullwell

Fuquay-Varina Growers Market
Gentle Rain Farm
Glade Road Growing, LLC
Grayson LandCare/ Independence Farmers Market
Green Heart Garden LLC
Greene Farmers Market
Groundwork Center for Resilient Communities
Harrisonburg Farmers' Market Association
Healthy Kids Healthy Communities
Healthy Schools Campaign
Henry's Produce & Market
Hickory Farmers Market, Hickory, NC
High Country Food Hub
Hillsdale Farmers Market (Portland, OR)
Home Orchard Education Center
Hunger Free America
Hunger Free Oklahoma
Hunger Solutions New York
Illinois Stewardship Alliance
Jon Henry General Store
La Terra Vita
Laughing Springs Farm
Laurie M. Tisch Center for Food, Education & Policy
Layers of Love LLC
Lets Chop It
Little Bearfox Farm
Louisiana Food Policy Council
Lucky Crow Farm LLC
Lynchburg Grows
Market Central
Mars Hill Farmers and Artisans Market
MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger
Michigan Farmers Market Association (MIFMA)
Mills River Farm Market
Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District
MomsRising
Mt. Pleasant Farmers' Market
National Action Against Obesity
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Center For Frontier Communities
National Education Association
National Farm to School Network
National League for Nursing
NC DHHS/Division of Child and Family Well Being

NC Extension Catawba County
NCAT
Nemours Children's Health
New Entry Sustainable Farming Project
New Mexico Food & Agriculture Policy Council
New Orleans East Green Infrastructure Collective (NOEGIC)
NOFA-VT
North Carolina Farmers Market Network
Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York (NOFA-NY)
Northside Food Access Coalition
Nourish Colorado
Oregon Food Bank
Pacific NW CSA Coalition
Pamplin Community Market
Partnership for a Healthier America
Pasa Sustainable Agriculture
Pinnacle Prevention
Project GROWS
Rhode Island Food Policy Council
River Queen Greens
River Street Market
Roanoke Coop
Roanoke Foodshed Network
Robertson's Royal Farmland
Salisbury Rowan Farmers Market, Inc
Schmelly's Dirt Farm
Seed to Table Oregon
Shady Grove Farm
Shalom Farms
Slow Hand Farm
Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior (SNEB)
Society of Behavioral Medicine
South End Farmers Market
Sowing Growth, Inc.
Sprout
Staunton Farmers Market
Sun Gold Farm, llc
Sunlove Farm LLC
The Common Market
The Davidson Farmers Market
The Food Basket Inc., Hawai'i Island's Food Bank
The Food Trust
The Market @ 25th
The Urban Acre Homestead

Thomasville Farmers Market
UnidosUS
Valley Flora LLC
Virginia Community Food Connections
Virginia Fresh Match
Voice of the Experienced
West Virginia Food and Farm Coalition
Wild Child Farm
Youth Empowerment Services