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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear President Trump and Congressional Colleagues,

We write today to express our profound disappointment in your vote in favor of the largest cut to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in history.

The bill you voted for **walks away from a 50-year commitment to ensure that low-income children in every community have access to the food assistance they need to grow and thrive**. This will be the first time in the modern history of SNAP that the federal government will no longer ensure that the lowest-income families with children, older adults, and people with disabilities in every state have access to the food assistance they need.

The bill you voted for will raise costs on the families we represent and make it much harder for them to afford the high cost of healthcare and groceries. Millions of people across our state and country will now see the crucial assistance to cover basic life needs terminated or cut substantially due to your actions.

According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), the bill passed by both houses and signed into law by the President **will cut federal spending for SNAP by \$186 billion through 2034, or about 20 percent of the program**.

The bill you supported will also ensure that:

- More than 40 million people who receive basic food assistance through SNAP, including some **16 million children, 8 million seniors, and 4 million non-elderly adults with disabilities** will have their benefits cut.
- **Many children who receive SNAP and are automatically eligible for free school meals and summer EBT**, will see cuts in those benefits as a result of losing the automatic eligibility that comes from receiving SNAP.
- **Most states will be required to pay 5-15% of food benefits.** If a state is unable to make up for these massive federal cuts, it will have to cut its SNAP program (by restricting eligibility or making it harder for people to enroll) or it could opt out of the program altogether, terminating food assistance entirely in the state.
- **More than 5 million people — about 1 in 8 SNAP participants — including 800,000 children and over half a million adults who are aged 65 or older or have a disability,** will live in a household that would be at risk of losing at least some of their food assistance because someone in their household is subject to the significant expansion of SNAP's already harsh, ineffective, and red tape-laden work requirements.
- **More than 2 million people** (indicated by CBO) in total will be cut from SNAP due to the new work requirement provision in a typical month, including:
 - **1.1 million people who live where jobs are scarce;**
 - **900,000 adults aged 55-64;**
 - **270,000 military veterans, people experiencing homelessness, and former foster youth; and**
 - **Hundreds of thousands of parents of children.**
- Benefits are cut by an average of \$100 per month for about **600,000 low-income households – housing an estimated 500,00 children** – through the elimination of an administrative simplification for calculating utility expenses for many households.
- The **27,000 authorized SNAP retailers** throughout the country will be at higher risk of financial hardship, exponentially increasing the likelihood that community residents could see their local grocer close.
- **95 percent of counties with the highest rates of people receiving SNAP have limited access to retailers that accept SNAP benefits**, highlighting the disparities in food access among poorer parts of the country. Even if there are other stores nearby, families receiving assistance can be limited by those that accept SNAP.
- **Rural areas** will be disproportionately impacted, as in these high-risk counties “Some stores in low-income neighborhoods have more than 50 percent SNAP sales. A 20

percent cut to SNAP would make it very difficult for stores like this, in food deserts, to remain open.” according to Stephanie Johnson of the National Grocers Association.

- Food assistance for immigrants living lawfully in the U.S. – who have been granted humanitarian protections by the U.S. government including **refugees, people granted asylum, certain survivors of domestic violence and certain victims of sex or labor trafficking** – will be denied.
- Current exemptions from the work requirement to receive food assistance are stripped away from **people experiencing homelessness, former foster youth and veterans**.

It is difficult to put into words how we feel about your intentional vote in favor of literally taking food out of the mouths of New York children, seniors, people with disabilities, veterans, immigrants, people experiencing homelessness, survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking, and children in foster care among others. Quite simply, these cuts are financially unjustifiable and morally indefensible.

Sincerely,



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