



October 29, 2025

The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
 President of the United States  
 The White House  
 1600 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W.  
 Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) feeds 42 million people, including 16 million children, 8 million seniors, and 4 million people with disabilities. We are alarmed that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has instructed states to stop issuing SNAP benefits for November. We are equally alarmed that the USDA has chosen to view use of SNAP contingency funds to cover regular benefits as unlawful per USDA's official memo sent on Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.<sup>1</sup> Rather than allow millions of Americans to go hungry next month, we demand that USDA immediately release the multi-year contingency SNAP funding and supplement any shortfall by utilizing its interchange transfer authority to ensure full SNAP benefits are provided to the 42 million American who rely on them next month.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.politico.com/f/?id=0000019a-17b3-dc69-abda-fff3f76a0000>

Broadly speaking, SNAP supports approximately 388,000 jobs nationwide and more than \$20 billion in direct wages, and it results in over \$4.5 billion in state and federal tax revenue.<sup>2</sup> Halting SNAP benefits will put millions of Americans at risk of food insecurity and poverty. SNAP is more than a food assistance program, it is a lifeline. It helps families put nutritious food on the table, supports local farmers and grocers, and strengthens our communities and economy. The USDA's decision to delay SNAP assistance is unacceptable, and we urge your Administration to provide the necessary funding to deliver full benefits to vulnerable Americans in need, especially with Thanksgiving just a few weeks away.

SNAP lifts families out of poverty by allowing them to spend money that would otherwise have been used for food on rent, heat, or health care. We know that infants and children in families who receive SNAP are more likely to see a doctor for periodic check-ups. Additionally, older adults receiving SNAP are more likely to take their prescribed medications because they have enough money to afford both food and medicine. No one should have to make those impossible choices.

We urge you to immediately direct the USDA to prevent a disruption to SNAP. Every day of delay brings us a day closer to November 1<sup>st</sup> and tens of millions of our fellow Americans going hungry.

Sincerely,



Gretchen E. Whitmer  
Governor of Michigan



Tina Kotek  
Governor of Oregon



Bob Ferguson  
Governor of Washington



Tim Walz  
Governor of Minnesota

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.nationalgrocers.org/news/new-economic-data-underscores-snaps-critical-role-in-supporting-american-jobs-and-local-economies/>



Janet Mills  
Governor of Maine



Kathy Hochul  
Governor of New York



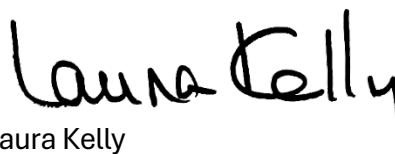
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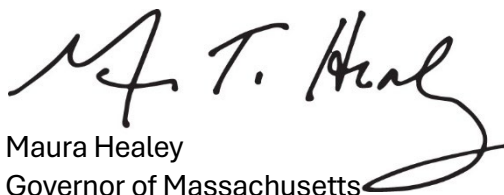
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Katie Hobbs  
Governor of Arizona

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Dan McKee  
Governor of Rhode Island

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Josh Stein  
Governor of North Carolina

Cc: The Honorable Brooke Rollins  
Secretary, United States Department of Agriculture