March XX, 2025

[Insert Congressional Delegation Addresses]

Dear Members of the [State Name/‘s Congressional Delegation:

We are writing as [state]’s members of the [Mayors Alliance to End Childhood Hunger](https://mayorshungeralliance.org/), a nonpartisan coalition representing more than 400 mayors across all 50 states and Washington, DC, from large and medium cities to smaller communities and townships, working in partnership with Share Our Strength's [No Kid Hungry Campaign](https://www.nokidhungry.org/) to ensure that every child has the healthy food they need to thrive. Our offices are on the frontline of responding to challenges in our communities, and as mayors, we need every option available to fight childhood hunger.

**We urge you to protect, strengthen, and fully fund federal food and nutrition programs in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 and FY 2026 budget appropriations, reconciliation, and continuing resolutions. We strongly urge you to reject efforts to use federal nutrition program cuts to reduce or offset spending.**

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is the nation’s first line of defense against hunger, helping **more than [number] people** in [state] put food on the table[[1]](#footnote-0). In 2023, SNAP brought the state a monthly average of **[$ amount]**. With [**%] of** [state] **households experiencing food insecurity** and high food prices, protecting and strengthening SNAP is more important than ever.

In [state], food insecurity and the SNAP program affects all types of communities: **1 in** [state] rural and **1 in** [state] small-town households, while **1 in** [state] households in metro areas participate in the program.

The SNAP program helps more than **[number] children** in [state], which also provides these children with eligibility for school meals. Cuts to SNAP would mean that children in families with low incomes would lose access to school meals. SNAP is also a critical support for local business, including more than **[number]** retailers in [state], which redeemed more than **[$ amount]** in 2023. These retailers include grocery stores and farmers’ markets, which contribute to local taxes that fund services like schools and health care.

**We also express our concern for the growing number of children in our country facing food insecurity and hunger if these cuts are enacted. There are increasing pressures on the cost and availability of food, including viral illnesses in animals raised for consumption, a diminished number of agricultural workers, increased food costs, and continuing global conflict. Our cities are on the frontline of responding to challenges in our communities, and as mayors, we need every option available to fight childhood hunger.**

Thank you for considering our concerns and priorities.

Sincerely,

[Mayoral Signatories

1. “Protect SNAP to Reduce Hunger and Strengthen Local Economies - State-By-State Fact Sheets - Food Research & Action Center.” *Food Research & Action Center*, 27 Feb. 2025, frac.org/research/resource-library/snap-state-fact-sheets. Accessed 10 Mar. 2025. [↑](#footnote-ref-0)