

Call to Action Against U.S. Hunger August 2017

Keep the Pressure on Congress to Protect Programs for the Poor and Hungry in America

In Brief:

Congress is on recess, but we are in the midst of budget season and many programs that are critical to poor and hungry people in the United States are under threat. According to the [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities](#), the House GOP budget could cut \$2.9 Trillion from low-and-moderate income programs in the next decade. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as food stamps) could see \$150 Billion in cuts in addition to significant changes to the nature of the program, being promoted as “flexibility” for states. Other support mechanisms for low-income families—such as Supplemental Security Income and refundable tax credits—would see as much as a \$500 Billion cut. We need everyone’s concerted efforts to ensure these programs for the poor are safe.

Top-Line Messaging

- **No budget cuts to SNAP!** SNAP is a critical support to reduce food insecurity for vulnerable families. Nearly 90% of SNAP households contain a child under age 18, a senior over age 60, or a disabled individual.
- **SNAP costs are declining!** Since SNAP responds to economy, SNAP costs have declining over 11% since 2013. The best way to continue to reduce the need for SNAP is to improve job prospects for low-income workers.
- **No structural changes to SNAP!** We need to preserve SNAP’s ability to respond quickly and effectively to families in need. The rhetoric of state flexibility will lead to more budget cuts as cash-strapped states restrict use of SNAP.

What You Can Do

CALL your [Senators](#) and [Representative!](#)

Social Media

Sample Tweets:

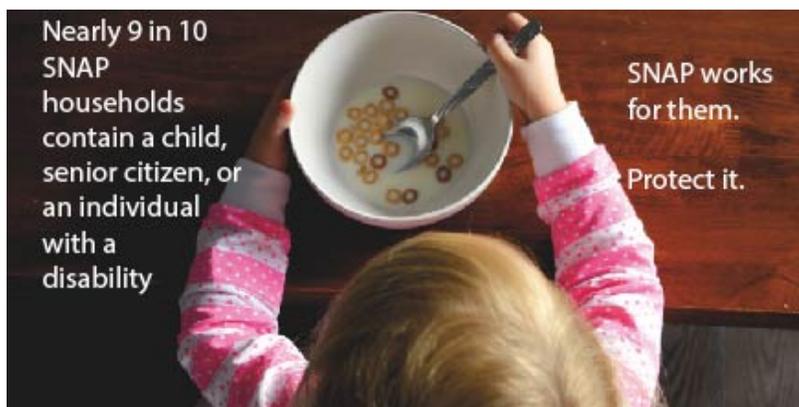
- .[@YourRepOrSenator] Most SNAP households have children, seniors, or disabled person. #SNAPworks for these families. Protect it! @toendhunger
- The #budget is a moral document. @YourRepOrSen, protect programs that protect the poor! #SNAPworks @toendhunger

Facebook Post:

- The vast majority of SNAP households have children, seniors, and/or disabled persons. SNAP Works for them! Let’s celebrate its success and protect its future. (use picture above)

Alliance Members with Current Campaigns on this Issue

- RESULTS U.S. Poverty Campaigns- http://www.results.org/issues/us_poverty_campaigns



Call to Action Against Global Hunger August 2017

Keep Encouraging Congress to Help End the Famine

In Brief:

More than 20 million people in South Sudan, Somalia, Nigeria, and Yemen are fighting for their lives in famine conditions. The United States has pledged nearly \$1 Billion to famine relief efforts, but there is still a need to ensure that appropriated money is quickly getting to the people who need it. There is a need to remind elected leaders that the dire famine situations in Africa and the Middle East continue to need urgent action. Furthermore, media coverage of the current and looming famines has been relatively lax in the United States. More media attention would lead to higher political will to address this critical issue with urgency.

Top-Line Messaging

- **Thank Congress** for supporting nearly \$1 Billion supplemental emergency funding for famine.
- **Ask Congress** to look into the appropriated funds to ensure that the money is getting to those who need it ASAP!
- **Urge elected officials** to communicate more about the famine situations to media outlets through interviews, op-eds, articles, etc.

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Social Media

Sample Tweets:

- .[@YourRepOrSenator] #Congress appropriated nearly \$1B to #EndFamine. How will you make sure those who need the money have it?? @toendhunger
- .[@YourRepOrSenator] according to @theIRC only 1 in 5 ppl know the severity of famine. How will you raise your voice to #EndFamine? @toendhunger

Facebook Post:

- 20 million people are at risk of starving to death in Africa and the Middle East. Congress has taken a great first step through \$1 Billion in emergency aid. We need to keep the pressure on to ensure that the money reaches those who need it! (use picture above)

