



## Farm Bill/SNAP Advocacy Resources

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### Sample Call Scripts

Senate: "Hello. I am a constituent. My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I am calling to urge thank Senator \_\_\_\_\_ for supporting a bipartisan Farm Bill and to ask for his/her ongoing support for the Senate version of the bill throughout conference committee deliberations."

House: "Hello. I am a constituent. My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I am calling to urge (Congressman/woman \_\_\_\_\_) to support the Senate's version of Farm Bill throughout conference committee deliberations and to not support any cuts or changes to the SNAP program."

### Sample Email to Senators

Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_,

As your constituent, I am writing today to thank you for passing the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Farm Bill) and for opposing harmful cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

*I am asking for your ongoing support for the Senate version of the bill throughout conference committee deliberations.*

Cuts or needless additional requirements to essential safety net programs like SNAP will hurt the most vulnerable members of society including children, veterans, seniors,

people with disabilities and the unemployed. I am counting on your leadership and support to protect this vital assistance program.

Sincerely,

Your name

Your address

## Sample Email to Representative

Dear Congressman/woman \_\_\_\_\_,

As your constituent, I am writing today to urge you to support the Senate's version of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Farm Bill) throughout conference committee deliberations. Furthermore, I am writing to ask you to refrain from supporting any and all cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and ensure its eligibility requirements do not become needlessly more stringent. Cuts to essential safety net programs like SNAP will harm the most vulnerable members of society including children, veterans, seniors, people with disabilities, and the unemployed.

In 2017, more than 42 million Americans struggled to put food on the table and turned to SNAP. SNAP addresses these individuals' needs by providing vital nutritional support. Current proposals to cut SNAP will negatively impact millions of Americans by reducing their limited SNAP benefits. Furthermore, cuts to SNAP will increase pressure on already overwhelmed food resource providers.

Protecting SNAP benefits is particularly important to me because [include personal story or share what inspired you to write this letter]. (For example: talk about how SNAP has impacted your life or community.)

Congress continues to face complex decisions when balancing the budget, but cutting safety net programs like SNAP is a shortsighted solution that will only lead to more children and families struggling with hunger and poverty. Therefore, I urge you to oppose cuts to SNAP.

Sincerely,

Your name

Your address

## Letter to the Editor

To the Editor of the \_\_\_\_\_,

I'm writing to express my concerns about proposed cuts to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) being debated now in Congress. More than one out of every eight U.S. households struggles to put food on the table and in 2017, 42 million Americans turned to SNAP to supplement their families' dietary needs. SNAP helps families make ends meet and eat nutritious meals. Families are healthier; adults are more productive at work, while children are better able to learn.

Current proposals to cut SNAP will negatively impact millions of Americans by reducing their already limited SNAP benefits. Furthermore, cuts to SNAP will increase pressure on already overwhelmed food resource providers, like food banks, churches and food pantries.

As Congress debates the Farm Bill, I urge them to adopt the Senate's SNAP proposal which opposes harmful cuts to the SNAP and ensures eligibility requirements for the program do not become needlessly more stringent. Cuts to essential safety net programs like SNAP will only harm the most vulnerable members of society including children, veterans, seniors, people with disabilities, and the unemployed.

I urge your readers to contact their Members of Congress and urge them to preserve SNAP, a program that provides critical support to families when they need it most.

Sincerely,  
*Your name and address.*

## Tweets

- In 2017, 42 million people were participating in SNAP, please @(your\_senator/your\_representative) continue to protect SNAP in the #farmbill.

- The majority of those who benefit from SNAP include: children, veterans, seniors, people with disabilities, and the unemployed. #protectSNAP #farmbill

- 92 percent of SNAP benefits go to households with incomes at or below the poverty line, and 56 percent go to households at or below half of the poverty line (about \$10,390 for a family of three in 2018) #SaveSNAP

## Facebook Post

- Households that have higher rates of food insecurity than the national average include households with children (17%), especially households with children headed by single women (32%) or single men (22%), Black non-Hispanic households (23%) and Hispanic households (19%). SNAP helps the most vulnerable families. #SaveSnap

