

THE NEXT FARM BILL: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR U.S. PROGRAMS

Alliance to End Hunger's vision is to end hunger in the United States and around the world in this generation. To achieve this, the Alliance unites diverse sectors to address today's hunger and malnutrition needs and to solve the root causes of hunger at home and abroad. We are a diverse coalition of over 100 [members](#) including corporations, non-profits, universities, individuals, agriculture organizations, healthcare providers, foundations, and faith-based organizations – all working together in the fight against hunger and malnutrition. In the United States, 47.4 million people, including 13.8 million children, are impacted by food insecurity.

Congress has a critical opportunity this year to alleviate hunger and strengthen food systems through the reauthorization of the Farm Bill. Our recommendations for U.S.-focused programs are:

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Maintain SNAP's effectiveness and reach

- Maintain SNAP benefit based on Thrifty Food Plan reevaluation and reevaluate regularly
- Preserve broad based categorical eligibility
- Protect food choice options for recipients

Prevent Unnecessary Loss of SNAP Benefits

- Improve EBT card technology to avoid theft
- Eliminate the three-month time limit for ABAWDs
- Eliminate the "benefits cliff"

Expand SNAP's purchasing power

- Provide access to hot and prepared foods at retailers

Increase access to SNAP

- Exclude basic allowance for housing as income for military
- Increase the number of disabled veterans qualifying for SNAP
- Transition from NAP to SNAP in U.S. territories

Ensure Equity within SNAP

- Repeal the participation ban for individuals with past drug convictions
- Center SNAP participants' experiences
- Ensure Halal and Kosher options in approved foods

- Strengthen food insecurity data collection
- Allow for Tribal self-administration of SNAP

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

- Increase mandatory funding for food, storage and distribution to address need
- Expand self-administration for Tribes
- Expand the list of Halal and Kosher available foods

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

- Increase access through the addition of a healthcare deduction
- Expand food access for seniors through home delivery

Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

- Allow participants to use FDPIR and SNAP benefits within the same month
- Expand self-administration for tribal nations
- Allow for more culturally appropriate foods

Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP)

- Add Veterans Farmers Markets
- Expand program to address equity issues

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