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Dear Members of the Senate,

The Alliance to End Hunger is a coalition of over 100 companies, nonprofits, faith groups, universities, foundations, and others dedicated to ending hunger in the United States and around the world. I am writing to you today on behalf of the Alliance to urge you to reject harmful cuts and adjustments to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in budget reconciliation. Not only would the changes proposed by the House in H.R. 1, One Big Beautiful Bill, likely increase food insecurity across the country, but the changes to SNAP would subsequently impact the ability of hungry people and families to access other vital food assistance.

While there are several differences in the Senate and House versions, we remain concerned the proposed shifting of costs of SNAP's food benefits to states would be a foundational change to the program that could very well result in either the cessation of the program in states that are not able to meet the increased cost burden, or at the very least decrease the number of beneficiaries or the amount they receive to purchase the nutritious food that they need. This would be especially detrimental to hungry people and families in states with weaker economies and those unable to raise sufficient revenue to meet the cost-share requirements.

SNAP provisions in the pending Senate bill also affect recipients in other ways. For example, the legislation would require people who are without homes, veterans, and former foster youth to complete burdensome paperwork to avoid the 3-month limit on work exemptions. Additionally, the bill would bar SNAP food assistance from vulnerable people living lawfully in the U.S. who have been granted humanitarian protections, including those granted asylum, refugees, and certain survivors of domestic violence or labor or sex trafficking, among others.

Additional impacts of SNAP provisions would be felt through other federal food assistance programs as well. Cutting families from SNAP would be detrimental to children in those households and their connection to other federal nutrition programs:

- School meals: Children in SNAP households are directly certified for free school meals.
- Reducing the number of students who automatically qualify for free school meals means fewer schools will be eligible for the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), and those that still qualify will receive less federal reimbursement.
- Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP): Children in SNAP households are automatically eligible for free meals while in care at a center or home that participates in CACFP.

- Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) benefits help children in families access food when school is not in session. Eligible school-age children are automatically issued Summer EBT benefits for up to three months in the summer.
- The Special Supplemental Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC): Policies that limit Medicaid or SNAP eligibility would indirectly affect WIC, adding red tape that could discourage families in need from accessing WIC's food and services.

Finally, these provisions will add strain to charitable food programs: food banks, food pantries, soup kitchens and other charitable feeding programs have seen an increase in people needing help with food. Cutting people off SNAP will lead to increased demand for food provided through these programs. Put simply, charity would not be able to make up for gaps left by SNAP cuts and adjustments.

The consequences of the proposed budget reconciliation provisions that impact SNAP could easily increase hunger across the country, and the effects would be felt beyond family pantries into the economies and wellbeing of broader communities and states. We urge you to consider these consequences as you cast your vote for this bill.

Sincerely,



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