



# Position Statement: The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026

The following reference document presents an assessment on the provisions in the “Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 (H.R.7567),” as passed out of the Committee on Agriculture in the House of Representatives. The perspectives below reflect the opinions and policy priorities of Alliance to End Hunger members.

## Missed Opportunities:

### Domestic

- This bill is unlikely to increase access to SNAP and is likely to continue to reduce the number of people participating in SNAP.
- There are no efforts to mitigate harm caused by requiring homeless people, veterans, and former foster youth to complete additional paperwork requirements/red tape to participate in SNAP.
- There is no additional time provided for states and counties to work to reduce SNAP error rates in advance of their being required to cover percentages of SNAP benefits for the first time ever, and there are no additional resources or offers of technical assistance to states and counties to help them implement changes required by H.R.1, which also cut administrative funding amounts.
- There are no resources to help states implement technology such as SNAP EBT cards with advanced technology to reduce the theft of benefits from SNAP participants nor funding to replace stolen benefits.
- Does not make SNAP benefit levels more adequate to be able to purchase foods that support a healthful diet.
- Does not restore funding for SNAP-Ed, the SNAP Nutrition Education Program.
- Does not include RESTORE Act, which ends a federal lifetime ban imposed on people with drug felonies from receiving SNAP.

### International

- Does not include a provision to increase the replenishment cap for the Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust above \$20 million.
- Does not include any of our requested Food for Progress changes, including increasing the freight ceiling to \$55 million, applying cargo preference on a regional basis, or requiring MARAD to reevaluate its fair and reasonable rate determination when multiple U.S.-flagged vessels submit bids for cargoes originating at different load points.
- Does not include reauthorization of the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research with multi-year funding, or a specific authorized amount.

## Full Support:

### Domestic

- Makes SNAP online purchasing permanent with regulations and stakeholder consultation (SEC. 4111).
- Includes a Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) Home Delivery pilot program in rural areas with \$50 million/5 years grants to states agencies (similar to [H.R.1538 - 119th Congress](#)) (SEC. 4202).
- Reauthorizes and increases funding for the Healthy Food Financing Initiative from \$125 million to \$135 million (SEC. 4307).
- Continues to prohibit switching or routing fees for SNAP EBT transactions (SEC. 4102).

### International

- Reauthorizes the Food for Peace and McGovern-Dole Food for Education programs until 2031 (SEC. 3105 for Food for Peace, SEC. 3308 for McGovern-Dole).
- Increases McGovern-Dole Local and Regional Procurement (LRP) from a 10% cap to an 8-15% range. (SEC. 3308, p. 191).



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## Partial Support:

### Domestic

- Reauthorizes programs including TEFAP, CSFP, FDPIR, but without additional funding or resources.
- USDA to promulgate regulations re., SNAP-EBT card security (SEC. 4108).
- Grants of up to \$500 thousand for local meat processing plants to entities including tribal entities and land grant universities funded at \$150 million/5 years (SEC. 6304).
- Requires reporting on food waste reduction efforts (SEC. 4304).
- Allows the USDA Secretary to enter into cooperative agreements with state agencies on a noncompetitive basis for local and regional food purchases from small, medium, beginning farmers but with discretionary funding only. (SEC. 4306).
- Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) demonstration projects on tribal nations with \$1 million pilot funding/\$6 million for USDA staffing and administration (SEC. 4204).
- Reauthorizes the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP), reducing the required GusNIP match in high-poverty areas.

## Neutral:

### Domestic

- Expands dairy nutrition incentives to include cheese and increases funding from \$20 million to \$50 million (SEC. 4305).
- Comptroller of the U.S. to study variations in state SNAP administrative costs and recommendations to improve oversight of administration (SEC. 4109).

### International

- Includes transfer of Food for Peace authorities from State Dept. to USDA (SEC. 3101, p. 157-168).
- Reserves \$200,000,000 of the Food for Peace emergency funding to procure and distribute ready-to-use therapeutic foods (RUTFs) (SEC. 3110).

## Oppose:

### Domestic

- Changes the purpose of SNAP to include preventing chronic metabolic diseases such as cancer, heart disease, obesity and diabetes. The changes do not mention diseases caused by nutrient and/or calorie deficiencies such as anemia, under nutrition, malnutrition, Failure to Thrive, adequate nutrition intake, or heritable genetic diseases. (SEC. 410).
- Allows contractors to assume responsibilities of SNAP state agency work under certain conditions similar to H.R.2811 - 119th (SEC. 4103).
- Requires USDA to report on "all identified payment errors, including small errors...regardless of dollar amount" that would not count against payment error rates (SEC. 4105).
- Dietary Guidelines for Americans: to be based on vague description of "significant scientific agreement"; to be updated every 10 years (rather than the current 5 years); cannot include or be based on topics – "taxation, social welfare policies, purchases under Federal feeding programs, food and agricultural production practices, food labeling, socioeconomic status, race, religion, ethnicity, culture, or regulations relating to nutrition" (SEC. 4308).

## Questions?

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