

PPC Action Alert

Tell Your Representatives to Oppose the Farm Bill and Restore SNAP

Tell your U.S. representative to reject the Farm Bill unless it reverses harmful cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Why now? Last summer, Congress passed severe cuts to SNAP in the reconciliation bill, H.R. 1. Since then, nearly 2.5 million people have lost their SNAP benefits. Overall, about 16 million children are at risk of losing some – or all – of their SNAP benefits because of H.R. 1. The House will soon vote on the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026, also known as the Farm Bill, which reauthorizes nutrition programs like SNAP, as well as agricultural programs.

The proposed Farm Bill under consideration does not reverse deep cuts already made to SNAP in H.R.

1. Continuing to leave these program cuts in place leaves children and families vulnerable to food insecurity.

SNAP is the nation's largest nutrition program and serves nearly 40 million individuals, approximately 39% of whom are children. SNAP participation not only provides families with the opportunity to purchase foods that best meet their nutritional needs; it also provides a direct connection to other vital federal programs. For example, children participating in SNAP are directly certified for free school meals, enabling them to access nutritious meals during the school day without additional paperwork. When children lose access to SNAP, it impacts food security and health in multiple ways.

Contact your representative today and share why SNAP is a lifeline for the children and families you care for and urge them to reject the Farm Bill unless it reverses cuts to SNAP.

Important note: To make your message as powerful as possible, **we strongly encourage you to customize your outreach and explain why SNAP is so vital to the patients you care for.** Share a short, deidentified story or example that illustrates how SNAP has addressed food insecurity in your community.

Contact Your Representatives Today

Here's how:

By Phone: You can call the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121 to be connected to your representative's office. You can also find your U.S. representative by visiting [House.gov](https://www.house.gov) and using the "Find Your Representative" feature at the top right of the page. Below are **talking points** you can use:

Talking Points

- Hello. My name is {First and last name} from {City, State}. I am an academic pediatrician specializing in {insert your area of research expertise e.g., pediatric endocrinology, etc.}.
- I am calling today to urge {Representative's name} to reject the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 unless it reverses harmful cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).
- SNAP is the nation's largest child nutrition program, feeding many children across our state. SNAP is a proven and essential program to stave off hunger, so children are better able to learn in school and grow into healthy adults, which, in turn, helps lower health care costs.
- Since Congress passed deep cuts to SNAP in H.R. 1 last summer, nearly 2.5 million people have lost their SNAP benefits. Overall, about 16 million children are at risk of losing some or all of their SNAP benefits because of H.R. 1.
- The Farm Bill has historically been a bipartisan policy that recognizes the connection between strong and supportive agriculture policies and improving the country's nutrition programs so children, families, and communities can access the food they need to thrive.
- By not reversing the harmful cuts made to SNAP in H.R. 1, the proposed Farm Bill breaks that connection and leaves children and families vulnerable to hunger.
- I urge {Representative's name} to reject the Farm Bill unless it includes provisions to protect child nutrition by reversing the SNAP cuts made in H.R. 1.

By Email: You can email your U.S. representative through their website. You can find your U.S. representative by visiting [House.gov](https://www.house.gov) and using the "Find Your Representative" feature at the top right of the page. Email your U.S. representative through the contact form on their website by customizing the form letter below.

Email text:

Subject: Oppose the Farm Bill and Restore SNAP

As an academic pediatrician, I urge you to reject the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 unless it reverses harmful cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

SNAP is the nation's largest child nutrition program and supports nearly 40 million individuals, approximately 39% of whom are children, ensuring that families and children have access to food. More than one in five children live in households without consistent access to enough food. SNAP is a proven and essential program to stave off hunger, so children are better able to learn in school and grow into healthy adults, which, in turn, helps lower health care costs.

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Thank you.