

Pass a COVID-19 Relief Bill that Increases Nutrition Assistance

Congress has passed four bills to address the COVID-19 epidemic and the subsequent economic downturn are taking a devastating toll on lives and the economy. While all four bills had important provisions, they didn't include nearly enough support for the people in our communities who are experiencing hunger and unemployment. Congress failed to increase Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits for all SNAP households, one of the single most effective policies that helped avert a big increase in poverty during the Great Recession.

It is imperative that Congress pass another COVID-19 relief bill, one that increases SNAP by 15 percent.

- » Hunger and food insecurity are increasing at alarming rates. A recent study found that by the end of April, more than 1 in 5 households was food insecure.
- » Young children are experiencing food insecurity to an extent unprecedented in modern times. A recent study shows that food insecurity among young children is three times as high as in during the worst of the Great Recession.
- » SNAP is America's most effective anti-hunger program and one of the best ways to stimulate the economy as people spend their benefits quickly and in their local communities.
- » A SNAP benefit increase can be implemented virtually immediately.

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