

June 19, 2013

We, the undersigned, support Rep. James McGovern's amendment (#146) to restore the \$20.5 billion/10 years cut to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) currently in H.R. 1947. As it stands, we oppose H.R. 1947 because it would increase hunger among millions of Americans - people with disabilities, children, seniors and struggling parents - those who work, as well as those who are unemployed or underemployed.

At a time when more than one in six Americans struggle to put food on the table, the cuts to SNAP proposed in the House farm bill are unconscionable and harmful. Specifically, the House bill would result in at least 1.8 million people losing SNAP benefits entirely, and another 1.7 million people seeing their benefits reduced by about \$90 per month.

Our nation can ill afford to see SNAP weakened in the farm bill. Benefits are modest, averaging less than \$1.50 per person per meal and are already scheduled to drop on November 1, 2013, with termination of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) benefit boost. This reduction, which will impact every SNAP beneficiary, will average about \$25 per month for a family of three.

We support Rep. James McGovern's amendment (#146) to restore the \$20.5 billion cut to SNAP and urge Members of Congress to vote YES when it comes up for a vote.

AARP
Advocates for Better Children's Diets (ABCD)
AFL-CIO
Alliance for a Just Society
Alliance to End Hunger
American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
American Commodity Distribution Association (ACDA)
American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees (AFSCME)
American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO
American Public Health Association
Americans for Democratic Action (ADA)
Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies
B. Sackin & Associates
Bread for the World
Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)
Center for Women Policy Studies
Child Welfare League of America (CWLA)
Children's Defense Fund
Children's HealthWatch
Coalition on Human Needs (CHN)
Community Action Partnership (CAP)
Congressional Hunger Center (CHC)
E S Foods
Environmental Working Group (EWG)
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Fair Food Network

Families USA
Family Economic Initiative
Feeding America
First Focus Campaign for Children
Food Research & Action Center (FRAC)
Friends Committee on National Legislation
International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE)
International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace & Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW)
Jewish Council for Public Affairs
Legal Momentum
MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger
MomsRising
National Association of County Human Services Administrators
National Black Child Development Institute
National Center for Law and Economic Justice (NCLEJ)
National Council on Aging
National CSFP Association
National Education Association (NEA)
National Employment Law Project (NELP)
National Health Care for the Homeless Council
National Immigration Law Center (NILC)
National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty
National WIC Association
National Women's Law Center
NETWORK: A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby
PolicyLink
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Coalition (REHCD)
RESULTS
Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law
School Food FOCUS National Office
School Nutrition Association (SNA)
Share Our Strength
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Institute Justice Team
Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior (SNEB)
Southeast Anti-Hunger Consortium (SEAHC)
SparkAction
The Food Trust
The Reinvestment Fund
The Salvation Army
Union for Reform Judaism
United States Conference of Mayors (USCM)
Voices for America's Children
Voices for Progress
Western Region Anti-Hunger Consortium (WRAHC)
WhyHunger
Wider Opportunities for Women