The Future of Food Assistance:
The Importance of SNAP
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SNAP

• Nation’s first line of defense against hunger
• Helps over **41 million** low-income individuals in the US put food on the table

SNAP DELIVERS ASSISTANCE
quickly and effectively to people recovering from natural disasters or economic crises.

SNAP REACHES KEY VULNERABLE POPULATIONS
— the large majority of beneficiaries are children, seniors, and people with disabilities.

SNAP REDUCES HUNGER
and food insecurity by providing low-income people necessary food money.

SNAP IMPROVES DIETARY INTAKE
and health, especially among children and with lasting effects.

SNAP IS EFFICIENT,
using electronic benefits technology and regular channels of commerce.

SNAP SUPPORTS WORK,
helping families struggling with low wages.

SNAP BOLSTERS LOCAL ECONOMIES
by increasing money spent for food at local retailers.

SNAP LIFTS MILLIONS
of people out of poverty.

3.6 million in 2016!
#SNAPMatters in Every Corner of the United States

Percent of households participating in SNAP³

- Metro Areas: NATIONALLY 13%
- Small Towns: 16%
- Rural Areas: 16%

SNAP Households by Congressional District

Source: FRAC analysis of 2016 American Community Survey (ACS) data.
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The charitable sector can’t solve hunger alone.

1 in 12 For every one meal that Feeding America provides, SNAP provides 12 meals.
H.R.1276 – a positive vision of how the Farm Bill should strengthen SNAP

Congress should strengthen SNAP by passing the “Closing the Meal Gap Act” (H.R. 1276) to:

- Offer employment & training opportunities to jobless adults before time limiting their SNAP benefits
- Boost SNAP benefits for families with children forced to choose between food & shelter
- Boost SNAP benefits for older Americans forced to choose between food & medicine
- Boost the SNAP minimum monthly benefit to $25 per month
- Base SNAP benefits on the more adequate Low-Cost Food Plan

http://www.frac.org/action/snap-farm-bill