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General Comment

As a volunteer and donor to my local food bank in RI, I am baffled by your considering cutting benefits. He people that we serve in RI are mostly working, many several jobs. Given the low minimum wage, it is very difficult to pay rents, which are high, utility bills, and all the other bills that come with caring for a family. The elderly and children are the biggest concern in our area, and I can't for the life of me, understand how this country chooses to take away a necessity from the most vulnerable! We waste a lot of money in this, the richest country in the world. I think about what you in Washington spend, on your lunches and dinners, at my, the taxpayers expense, and then I compare it to what a family of 4 receives in snap benefits! Please justify this for me, since I just don't get it. My Jewish faith tells me to feed the hungry, cloth the naked, shelter the homeless and welcome the refugee. Not exactly what you in Washington are doing these days. Try living on snap benefits for a family of 4 for a month, , then maybe you will find some compassion.

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