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I am writing in support of this study. As someone who works in food policy in a state with frequent disasters, it is imperative to collect as much information and data as possible to ensure the process for which we are implementing a food assistance program in the future is as efficient and effective as possible. Here in Louisiana, despite frequent, devastating disasters, our DSNAP process has yet to run smoothly. Part of the barrier to the solution is that DSNAP data is not publicly available. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, every state had to scramble to figure out how to adjust. Suddenly we are dealing with events affecting much larger areas. Avoiding a thorough evaluation of how the COVID-19 impacted SNAP would be incredibly irresponsible. We are living in a time where disasters are becoming more frequent all around the world. We are not immune. We need to have the information about what went well and what did not readily available so that we can ensure people do not go hungry in future events. Thank you.