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General Comment

This rule that will have the effect of depriving 3.1 mil. people, including over 500,000 children, of food security, including free school lunches. The government has been able to find \$16bil in this year alone to compensate farmers who were hurting economically because of the Presidents tariffs. It has also been willing to go into trillion dollar deficits to incentivize corporations. Although this rule might prevent a relative handful of people from abusing the system, it is not worth the harm it will do to growing children, their health and school performance. The same stringency and oversight is not applied to the \$700bil allocated to the Department of Defense. Moreover, the states will have to hire 6600 employees to implement this rule, to do asset evaluation of clients. That means that while the Federal Government may save an estimated \$2bil per year from disallowing food to people, state taxpayers will have to pay to implement the rule.

This rule should be replaced with one that encourages people to access food as soon as they need it, through a simplified process, and support working people and their kids as the President says he wants to do.