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General Comment

I am extremely disappointed to learn of the intention to tighten eligibility for SNAP benefits. I am a mid-20's woman serving my country in a second year of AmeriCorps service, and I use SNAP to be able to afford this service while being placed in a high-rent city that I otherwise could not afford to serve in. I have a few thousand dollars as an emergency fund, which would only pay my rent for a few months should anything happen to my living stipend. The thought that I am being encouraged to spend down my savings in order to afford food while serving my country full time is heart breaking. This does not reflect American values. We are a prosperous nation, and we should all be able to afford healthy food to feed ourselves and our families. Please reconsider the millions of people who will suffer as a result of this. There must be other options available to keep millionaires from gaming the system without taking away an extremely important part of my income.