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General Comment

An estimated three million people nationwide would lose access to SNAP benefits as a result of this proposed rule.

Current SNAP eligibility requirements automatically qualify more than 500,000 school age children in the United States for free lunches. If the proposed rule is enacted, these children would have to apply separately to continue to get free meals, increasing the administrative burden on families and both federal and state agencies.

SNAP is designed to provide temporary help for those facing economic challenges. Food is often sacrificed in order to pay other bills, putting the health and well-being of children and families at risk. Access to food assistance can support and maintain the health of children and families until their economic situation improves.

Please, DO NOT pass these new restrictions on SNAP qualifications. A government should be

supporting the people, not taking food out of the mouths of children and the poor. This would be a disgraceful action on the part of the U.S. government.