

key messages

- Now is not the time to place roadblocks in the way of families receiving lifesaving benefits. With hunger and unemployment skyrocketing in the wake of COVID-19, more families are in need of the support of our safety-net and states are already stretched thin in their capacity to administer benefits.
- This proposed rule change does not remedy any actual deficiencies in the program, but causes damage to the established nutrition safety net in America.
- No evidence suggests that Cat-El has been abused by SNAP applicants, or resulted in fraud, or provided public benefits to undeserving individuals and families.
- USDA's own estimate is that this proposed rule change **would result in 3.1 million people losing critically-needed SNAP benefits**. The people bearing the most impact will be the most vulnerable SNAP recipients including seniors, people with disabilities, and the working poor.
- This proposed rule change against SNAP **is contrary to congressional intent** as laid out in the 2018 bipartisan Farm Bill, It is out of touch with the reality of struggling American workers, veterans, military families, and even farmers.
- We remind you that USDA's motto is to "do right and feed everyone". You can do that by protecting the vulnerable and helping those in need.