

Advocacy Summit 2026

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DOMESTIC LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Protect and Fund SNAP & WIC; Restore the U.S. Household Food Security Report

States Need Stability. Families Need Nourishment. America Needs Data.

Anchored in Genesis 1:27, we believe every human being is made in God's image and should have access to enough nutritious food for good health. Federal nutrition programs, like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (**SNAP**) and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (**WIC**) are a lifeline for millions of Americans, including families and children. With food insecurity reaching a decade-long high, Congress must protect and fund these programs and restore access to critical data that measures hunger in the U.S.

Protect SNAP and Delay Implementation of State Cost-Sharing Provisions

In July 2025, Congress passed H.R. 1, or the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, which made significant cuts to SNAP over ten years, totaling \$186 billion. Starting October 2027, states will have to cover a significant portion of SNAP benefits for participants in their states based on their payment error rates in Fiscal Year 2026. Prior to H.R. 1, the federal government covered 100% of SNAP benefits. States will experience a doubling or tripling of their state SNAP expenses, but they can't afford this increase without significantly raising taxes, using emergency funds, or drastically reducing SNAP enrollment. For example:

- **Pennsylvania's** SNAP costs will increase by 381%;
- **North Carolina's** SNAP costs will increase by 482%; and
- **Florida's** SNAP costs will increase by 1,011%

ASK: Support legislation that gives states more time to address these significant shifts by delaying the SNAP cost-share provisions of H.R. 1.

Make Permanent Legislative Provisions that Strengthen WIC

WIC is the premier U.S. public health nutrition program for pregnant and post-partum women, infants, and children up to age 5. In 2025, the program served nearly 7 million low-income participants per month, including almost 40% of all infants. For nearly 30 years, WIC has received broad bipartisan support from Congress. In 2021, Congress strengthened and expanded WIC to provide participants both in-person and virtual access to program services, but this was temporary. Many provisions will expire on September 30, 2026, but Congress can make them permanent and ensure full funding for the program.

The MODERN WIC Act (H.R. 1464) and the **21st Century WIC Act of 2026 (S. 3842)** include permanent legislative provisions to ensure eligible families can access:

- Nutritious foods, healthcare referrals and screenings, and more existing services
- Remote issuance of benefits, making in-office visits flexible and safe
- Virtual certification and recertification appointments with longer grace periods

ASK: *Protect and strengthen WIC by ensuring full funding for FY 2027 and supporting the MODERN WIC Act and the 21st Century WIC Act of 2026 (H.R. 1464 and S. 3842).*

Restore the Collection and Publication of Food Security Data

In September 2025, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that it would no longer collect data for or produce the Household Food Security Report. For 30 years, this survey has given policymakers on both sides of the aisle the information they need to understand the prevalence of food insecurity and to evaluate federal nutrition programs. Specifically, the report provided in-depth insights on:

- Food access, hardship, and well-being of children and families
- Federal nutrition program access for food insecure households
- Food costs and spending impacting American households

Without this report, Congress is working without the information they need to serve hungry families.

ASK: *Support congressional action that mandates the USDA to work with the Census Bureau to collect, analyze, and report data on U.S. household food security and hunger.*