

Restoring Food Security for American Families and Farmers Act of 2025 Supporting Quotes

Roadrunner Food Bank

“Any cuts to SNAP will be devastating to New Mexico. Hundreds of thousands of New Mexicans stand to see their benefits drastically reduced or lost altogether. The impact of this will extend far beyond those who receive assistance. New Mexico retailers – particularly those serving rural areas with already limited access to food – will also lose vital income as customers lose SNAP dollars to spend at their stores. The impact on seniors, veterans, children, and our neighbors who live in rural areas of our state will be particularly painful. Roadrunner Food Bank and New Mexico’s food bank network cannot exponentially increase our capacity to serve the state. But that is what will be required to keep people fed and to maintain the significant strides we have made to address food insecurity in our state. Food lines are already long. With a gutted SNAP program, those lines will get even longer,” **said Dana Yost, President & CEO of Roadrunner Food Bank.**

Casa de Peregrinos

“In New Mexico, SNAP Benefits are essential for working families with children and seniors living with them. Feeding our families with nutritious food ensures a better, more healthy life for children. Any cuts to these benefits would be devastating for many families in our region, and the residual effects of these cuts would have some irreparable consequences for some of these families. We humbly urge you to restore benefits,” **said Lorenzo Alba, Jr., Executive Director of Casa de Peregrinos, Las Cruces, NM.**

Food Research & Action Center (FRAC)

“The new budget reconciliation law delivers a devastating blow to SNAP and to millions of people who rely on it to put food on the table. We need immediate action to reverse this damage, and the Restoring Food Security for American Families and Farmers Act is the solution,” **said Crystal FitzSimons, president of the Food Research & Action Center (FRAC).** “This bill would restore vital SNAP food assistance for millions of children, older adults, and veterans, and end harmful cost-shifting onto already stretched state budgets. By protecting and restoring SNAP, this bill would actively prevent hunger, lower health costs, and keep communities strong.”

The Food Depot

"Food banks see every day how rising costs strain households across New Mexico. When SNAP is reduced, people working multiple jobs have even less food on the table. The Restoring Food Security for American Families and Farmers Act is an essential step

toward stability. We appreciate Senator Luján for advancing legislation that protects SNAP, supports our veterans, strengthens local food systems, and creates a future of abundance for our children,” **said Jill Dixon, Executive Director of The Food Depot.**

U.S. Conference of Mayors

“Congress set a dangerous precedent by robbing from nutrition assistance in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, and it must be reversed. People on SNAP are among our most vulnerable, and taking away funding is taking away food from hungry children and families. Nothing short of the health of America’s children is on the line.

“Forcing state and local governments to fill this hole is unsustainable and imposes impossible decisions on American cities. Not only are these SNAP cuts a threat to fighting hunger, but they also threaten public safety, education, transportation, and other vital services that now must compete for resources. The consequences are widespread, extending to our small businesses and local economies that will also take a hit. That’s why the United States Conference of Mayors endorses the Restoring Food Security for American Families and Farmers Act. We commend Senator Luján and Representative Hayes for their leadership on this issue and urge Congress to act to save the SNAP program for all those who rely on it,” **said Allentown Mayor Matt Tuerk, Chair of the U.S. Conference of Mayors’ (USCM) Children, Health and Human Services Committee, and Tom Cochran, USCM CEO and Executive Director.**

Friends Committee on National Legislation

Bridget Moix, General Secretary of the Friends Committee on National Legislation: “Churches and private charities are essential in serving individuals and families in times of need, but they cannot fill the gap from the coming SNAP cuts. Especially troubling are the cost shifts onto states, which are not positioned to take this on. Too many families are facing an affordability crisis in this country. These SNAP cuts will make it worse. Restoring Food Security for American Families and Farmers Act of 2025 reverses the damage to SNAP. In a country with the wealth and abundance of the United States, children should be going to bed hungry. We urge every member of Congress to cosponsor this important legislation.”

Coalition on Human Needs

“The holiday season is here, and as many people are sitting around family tables sharing a special meal, millions of Americans are struggling to afford enough food. While the shutdown may be over, cuts made to SNAP in Republicans’ Big Brutal Budget are the largest in the program’s history—\$187 billion over 10 years. These cuts for the first time force states to cover some of the cost of nutrition benefits and raise their share of administrative costs. And, this radical change of shifting SNAP benefit costs to states will squeeze other important state investments in basic needs programs, including education, mental health services, and home-based care. SNAP is not only our most

effective anti-hunger program, but it also plays a crucial role in reducing poverty and improving health and economic outcomes. It's linked to better education outcomes and self-sufficiency, and plays an essential role in supporting rural communities. We strongly urge Congress to pass the Restoring Food Security for American Families and Farmers Act as soon as possible," **said Meredith Dodson, Senior Director of Public Policy at the Coalition on Human Needs.**