



April 8, 2025

Chairman Glenn Thompson
House Committee on Agriculture
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Angie Craig
House Committee on Agriculture
Washington, DC 20515

Chairman John Boozman
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
and Forestry
Washington, DC 20510

Ranking Member Amy Klobuchar
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
and Forestry
Washington, DC 20510

CC: All Members of Congress

Dear Chairman Thompson, Chairman Boozman, Ranking Member Craig, and Ranking Member Klobuchar,

As chefs and culinary professionals, we strongly oppose the significant cuts and changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) being considered by Congress. The proposed cuts and harmful changes would significantly limit access to fresh and healthy food for those who need it the most.

As culinary leaders, we have built our careers around the power of food—not just as a means of nourishment, but as a way to bring people together and strengthen communities. Every day, we see the impact that access to nutrition has on people’s lives. At a time when millions of Americans are struggling to keep up with the rising cost of food, it’s more important than ever before to protect SNAP, one of our nation’s most powerful tools to end hunger.

We know hunger is not just a statistic—it’s a reality we witness in our own communities and in the neighborhoods where we cook. Across the country, 40 million people, including 1 in 5 children, participate in the program. SNAP is a safe and effective way to feed children. It supplements a family’s food budget, ensuring they can provide nutritious meals without sacrificing other essential needs. No one should have to choose between paying rent and feeding their family.

Congress must reject harmful cuts and changes to important anti-hunger programs like SNAP that help families put food on tables across the country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rachael Ray', is written in a cursive style.

Rachael Ray and the undersigned chefs



Michael Cuesta,
Alabama

Andrew Wisehart,
Alabama

Beau Schooler, Alaska

Maria J. Mazon, Arizona

Micah Klasky, Arkansas

Sam Walker, Arkansas

Anne Alderete,
California

Kimberly Alter,
California

Jason Bowlin, California

Job Carder, California

Ted Cizma, California

Sandra Cordero,
California

Pyet DeSpain, California

Duskie Estes, California

Elizabeth Falkner,
California

Nelson German,
California

Valerie Gordon,
California

Amanda Haas,
California

Tanya Holland,
California

Rasida Holmes,
California

Stephanie Izard,
California

Brandon Jew, California

Mei Lin, California

Kimberly Prince,
California

Lien Ta, California

Casey Thompson,
California

John Stewart, California

Shawn Walchef,
California

Brooke Williamson,
California

Kelly Whitaker,
Colorado

Luke Venner,
Connecticut

Antimo DiMeo,
Delaware

Dana Herbert, Delaware

Erik Bruner-Yang,
District of Columbia

Kevin Tien, District of
Columbia

Timon Balloo, Florida

Paula DaSilva, Florida

Jeremy Ford, Florida

Lorena Garcia, Florida

Alexander Kuk, Florida

Diego Ng, Florida

Gerald Sombright,
Florida

Allen Susser, Florida

Cesar Zapata, Florida

Joey Ward, Georgia

Robynne Maii, Hawaii

Colin Sato, Hawaii

Lee Anne Wong, Hawaii

James Fraser, Idaho

Christine Cikowski,
Illinois

Chris Cunningham,
Illinois

Zachary Engel, Illinois

Amy Mills, Illinois



Margaret Pak, Illinois

Joe Sasto, Illinois

Sahil Sethi, Illinois

Kristen Jackson,
Indiana

Carmen McGee, Indiana

Kevin Scharpf, Iowa

Andy Schumacher,
Iowa

Codi Bates, Kansas

Simon Bates, Kansas

Sara Bradley, Kentucky

Sam Fore, Kentucky

Cody Stone, Kentucky

Amanda Toups,
Louisiana

Isaac Toups, Louisiana

Jordan Rubin, Maine

Patricia Smith, Maine

Jerry Trice, Maryland

Nancy Trice, Maryland

Jody Adams,
Massachusetts

Jamie Bissonnette,
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Nicholas Calias,
Massachusetts

Daniel Donato,
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Joshua Ziskin,
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James Galbraith,
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Seth Bixby Daugherty,
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Leslie Scott, Mississippi

Nick Wallace,
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Gerard Craft, Missouri

Kevin Nashan, Missouri

Jeff Galli, Montana

Emily Hahn, Montana

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Nebraska

Drew Statz, Nebraska

Nicholas Strawhecker,
Nebraska

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David Vargas, New
Hampshire

David Viana, New Jersey

Freddie Bitsoie, New
Mexico

Hugh Acheson, New
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Amanda Cohen, New
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Amanda Freitag, New
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Dustin Wilson, New York

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Britny Stephenson, North Carolina

Ryan Nitschke, North Dakota

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Sig Brown, Oklahoma

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Chris Diminno, Oregon

Rick Gencarelli, Oregon

Cristian Gonzalez, Pennsylvania

Dave Joachim, Pennsylvania

Shane Killeen, Pennsylvania

Sarah Thomas, Pennsylvania

Zeke Zelker, Pennsylvania

Kevin O'Donnell, Rhode Island

Mike Lata, South Carolina

Jordan Taylor, South Dakota

Levi Venner, South Dakota

Beau Vondra, South Dakota

Matthew Bell, Tennessee

Brian Morris, Tennessee

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Tiffany L. Derry, Texas

Michael Fojtasek, Texas

Evelyn Garcia, Texas

Shawn Gawle, Texas

Bryce Gilmore, Texas

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Nathan Lemley, Texas

Rebecca Masson, Texas

Ryan Pera, Texas

Brendan Kawakami, Utah

Sean Blomgren, Vermont

Caroline Corrente, Vermont
Matthew Jennings, Vermont

Brittanny Anderson, Virginia

Ian Boden, Virginia

Tucker Yoder, Virginia

Zsahleya Aisha Ibrahim, Washington

Keyarna Frederick, West Virginia

Seth Wells, West Virginia

Matt Welsch, West Virginia

Daniel Jacobs, Wisconsin

John Guerin, Wyoming

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