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Chairman John Boozman & Ranking Member Amy Klobuchar
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry
328A Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Restoration of SNAP funding

Dear Chairman Boozman and Ranking Member Klobuchar,

I am writing as the Mayor of Flagstaff, Arizona to respectfully urge the restoration of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) funding and the inclusion of additional time and flexibility for states in the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026.

Across the country, SNAP remains one of the most effective tools for reducing hunger, supporting children and families, stabilizing household budgets, and strengthening local economies. Any reduction or interruption in SNAP resources has immediate and far-reaching consequences, especially for vulnerable households already balancing high food, housing, and transportation costs.

In Arizona, the effects of recent policy changes have been especially severe. Since the passage of H.R. 1, more than 400,000 Arizonans, including 180,000 children, have lost their SNAP benefits. This amounts to a staggering 47 percent decrease in enrollment and the largest drop of any state in the nation. At the same time, the current drafted legislation would require states to maintain a SNAP payment error rate below 6%. Although Arizona's rate of 8.8% is below the national average, the new threshold requires significant and rapid administrative changes. Without adequate time and resources to make these adjustments, Arizona could face federal penalties totaling up to \$195.4 million in just two years, which is more than double the state's total cost to operate the program.

I respectfully ask that you support full restoration of SNAP funding in the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 and champion amendments that treat all states equally and provide reasonable timelines and flexibility to successfully implement changes.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue and for your continued service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Becky Daggett".

Becky Daggett
Mayor of Flagstaff, on behalf of the Flagstaff City Council