

# Protect & Strengthen **SNAP in the Farm Bill**

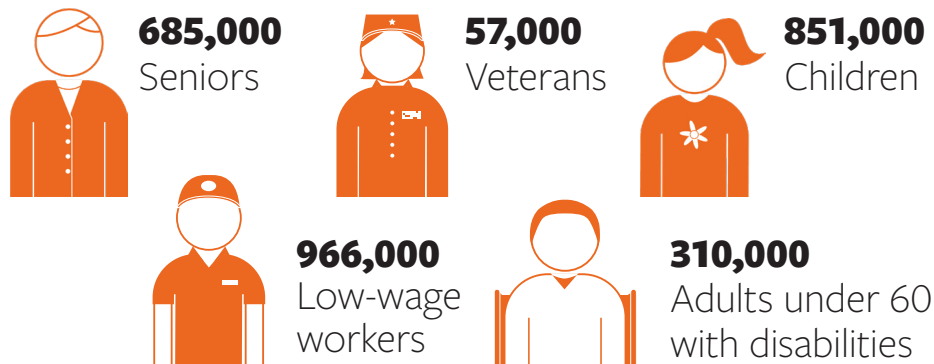


The House Agriculture Committee's Farm Bill proposal **cuts an estimated \$30B** in SNAP benefits over the next decade by restricting future updates to the Thrifty Food Plan.

## **New York is estimated to lose:**

- **\$2B in SNAP benefits over ten years, reducing food benefits for 2.9M New Yorkers.**
- **\$3.63B in total economic activity, impacting 16,700+ SNAP retailers in our state.**

## **All New Yorkers who receive SNAP would face a cut** to their food benefits, including an estimated:



The average SNAP benefit is \$6.43 per person per day. That covers fewer than two meals in NYS, where the average meal cost is \$4.20.



## **Background:**

The Thrifty Food Plan (TFP) estimates the lowest cost for a nutritious, practical, cost-effective diet a family can prepare at home. This estimate is the basis of SNAP benefit allotments, Summer EBT benefits, and TEFAP funding—all critical anti-hunger programs.

In 2021, under direction from the bipartisan 2018 Farm Bill, USDA updated the TFP for the first time in nearly fifty years, aligning the plan with current dietary guidelines and purchasing patterns. That update led to a modest but meaningful increase in SNAP benefits, from an average

of \$4.80 to \$6.20 per person per day, making a real difference for families at risk of running out of food before the end of the month.

The Committee's proposal prevents much-needed future updates to the TFP, weakening SNAP's purchasing power and threatening the adequacy of food benefits. It also opens the door to privatization of SNAP eligibility determinations, jeopardizing program access and integrity.

**New York's delegation must protect and strengthen SNAP in the Farm Bill, and ensure benefit adequacy, equitable access, and public administration remain core tenets of the program.**