

Witnesses to Hunger New Haven say: Protect and Strengthen SNAP!

Our families and our health should not be pawns in political games!

We will not be sold out while the rich get richer!

The Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018 (H.R. 2), passed the House on June 21st

If the **House** version were made law it would:

- Cut 2 million people off SNAP nationally, leaving individuals and families hungry and with increased financial hardships, including thousands in Connecticut
- Create new eligibility criteria would kick hundreds of thousands of people off SNAP
- Requires 20 hours per week of employment, even when jobs are not available - people who can't comply will be cut from the program
- Implement lifetime ban on receiving SNAP for some people convicted of felonies, even after they have served their time
- Reduce the funds available for kids' school lunches and breakfasts – many kids rely on that food to learn and thrive at school
- Roll back school nutrition standards, making our kids' meals less healthy
- Scapegoat poor and struggling Americans as the problem with our broken food system

All this while agribusiness millionaires line their pockets with giveaways from the House!

Rep. Rosa DeLauro voted against the House version, and is a strong advocate against its unjust provisions. **Call to thank Rosa: (202) 225-3661 or (203) 562-3718**

The **Senate** version of the Farm Bill, S.3042, which passed on June 28th:

- Leaves out cuts to SNAP or unreasonable work requirements
- Allows automatic enrollment for seniors and disabled persons
- Makes it easier for SNAP recipients to use their benefits at farmers markets
- Protects funds for emergency food programs
- Is a much better deal for protecting SNAP and other nutrition programs for kids, families, and seniors

Call today!:

Senator Chris Murphy: (202) 224-4041 or (860) 549-8463

Senator Richard Blumenthal: (202) 224-2823 or (860) 258-6940

Ask them to:

1. Push for the Senate version to be the final version of the Farm Bill
2. Resist any compromises that would weaken SNAP and other nutrition programs
3. Promote SNAP as an essential entitlement in public comments and conversations with fellow legislators in DC

For more information about the reconciliation process, now that the House and Senate version are being negotiated into a final bill to be sent to the president:

1. Stay aware by visiting FRAC's website: <http://www.frac.org/action/snap-farm-bill>
2. Join us at **Witnesses to Hunger New Haven's next meeting: Saturday, July 21st at 12:30 at Stetson Library**, 200 Dixwell Avenue, New Haven. Please RSVP to Kim Hart: 203-540-1628 or Billy Bromage: 203-804-0207.