



Voters Want SNAP Accountability

Voters Reject Efforts to Delay
State Cost Sharing

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Voters are concerned about waste, fraud and abuse in food stamps, and the state cost-sharing mechanism is a commonsense way to make states pay for enabling fraud.

New Rainey Center national polling of 1,002 registered voters (June 30 to July 2, 2026) shows the SNAP state cost-share requirement enacted in the *One Big Beautiful Bill Act* (H.R. 1) is one of the most popular reforms tested, with majority support from Republicans, Independents, and even Harris voters.



Republican, Independent and moderate voters reject a two-year delay and reject adding to the debt to pay for one, and nearly half of Republican voters say they would be more likely to back a primary challenger against a Senator who votes to overturn the reform. **Any Republican who voted to undo President Trump's anti-fraud agenda by delaying the cost sharing mechanism would be rejecting the will of Republican Trump voters and would risk the ire of the GOP base.**

Even when voters were presented with pro-delay arguments, voters support commonsense measures to make states pay for waste, fraud and abuse.

Delaying the cost share requirement would increase the national debt, limit the GOP's ability to run on Democrat-state fraud in the midterms and allow Democrats to quietly overturn one of the most vital provisions of the *One Big Beautiful Bill Act*.





Key Findings

Cost-sharing wins across the coalition.

81% of Trump voters and 79% of self-identified Republicans support the requirement, along with 64% of independents (Q5). A second measure of the same policy (Q6) confirms it, with 76% support from Trump voters and 60% from independents.

The pro-reform argument beats the opposition's best case.

Presented head to head with the "punishes states for paperwork errors" counterargument, the incentive argument wins 63-21 overall, 77-13 among Trump voters, and 62-17 among independents (Q7).



Voters reject delay.

Voters choose implementing the requirement now over a two-year delay, 50-34 overall and 67-22 among Trump voters (Q8). Because a delay would add to the federal debt, support for a delay erodes further: 49-27 overall and 64-21 among Trump voters (Q9).

Primary risk is concrete.

Among Republican voters, 45% say they would be more likely to support a primary challenger against a Senator who votes to overturn the new anti-fraud changes, versus just 15% less likely (Q11). Among Trump-first Republicans, that rises to 49%. Any Republican Senator who votes to enable fraud in food stamps should be on high alert that they may lose their seat.







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