

April 24, 2025

The Honorable Glenn “GT” Thompson  
Chairman  
House Committee on Agriculture  
Washington, DC 20515

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

Chairman Thompson, and Ranking Member Craig:

We write today to respectfully urge your support for the Training & Nutrition Stability Act which would fix a current law that is preventing Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients from pursuing valuable job training through SNAP’s Employment and Training (E&T) program.

The bipartisan 2018 Farm Bill strengthened E&T by allowing paid training opportunities and apprenticeships recognizing the effectiveness of transitional jobs and other types of work-based learning that improve job outcomes for populations with high barriers to employment. This change in law enables participants to gain evidence-based work experience and training that helps them find permanent gainful employment and transition away from SNAP benefits. Unfortunately, the temporary E&T “income” participants receive as authorized by this change is being counted toward the determination of SNAP eligibility. As a result, working people in a SNAP Employment & Training program are being kicked off SNAP because they’ve received income from the SNAP E&T program itself. Further, since the SNAP E&T program is exclusive to SNAP enrollees, losing SNAP eligibility means participants can no longer continue in the E&T program and may lose access to the job training program as well.

Certainly Congress did not intend for participation in the SNAP E&T program expansion to negatively affect enrollees’ eligibility for their basic SNAP benefits or ongoing participation in a job training program that ultimately leads to self-sufficiency. To solve this challenge, we respectfully urge your support for excluding temporary income derived from a public workforce training program from SNAP income calculations. There is also precedent for excluding other categories of income from SNAP calculations such as loans with deferred payments (excluding student loans), infrequent/irregular income, or money received from nonrecurring lump-sum payments such as income tax refunds.

In a recent House Agriculture Committee hearing on expanding opportunity through SNAP, Chairman Thompson emphasized the importance of SNAP and quality E&T programs in helping people get high-quality jobs in in-demand industries. He noted that one impactful way to do this is by increasing access to SNAP E&T programs and excluding wages earned from SNAP E&T or other career and technical education programs from counting towards income for SNAP eligibility; “Families should not be forced to choose between keeping their benefits and taking a job or pursuing the training that could lead to long-term financial independence.” Excluding “income” earned in a short-term SNAP E&T program or public workforce program from determining SNAP eligibility through the Training & Nutrition Stability Act is a straightforward fix that will have a major impact for SNAP enrollees’ success in job training and transitioning to permanent employment. It will also pave a smoother path for SNAP recipients to ultimately transition out of the program – a benefit to both the recipient and the American taxpayer.

We thank you and members of your committees for their previous bipartisan support for expanding the SNAP E&T program to quality job-training programs. We hope that same commitment will extend to addressing this unintended consequence and appreciate your and other Members' ongoing interest in fixing this issue in the next Farm Bill. Thank you for your consideration of this matter and please do not hesitate to contact us at [lebacon@ceoworks.org](mailto:lebacon@ceoworks.org) should you have any questions or need more information.

Sincerely,

<i>Alliance to End Hunger</i>	<i>Washington, DC</i>
<i>America Forward</i>	<i>Washington, DC</i>
<i>American Public Human Services Association (APHSA)</i>	<i>Washington, DC</i>
<i>Anti-Hunger &amp; Nutrition Coalition</i>	<i>Seattle, WA</i>
<i>Appetite For Change</i>	<i>Minneapolis, MN</i>
<i>Arizona Center for Economic Progress</i>	<i>Phoenix, AZ</i>
<i>Arizona Food Bank Network</i>	<i>Phoenix, AZ</i>
<i>Bayaud Enterprises</i>	<i>Denver, CO</i>
<i>Bridgeways</i>	<i>Everett, WA</i>
<i>Building Beginnings</i>	<i>Spanish Fork, UT</i>
<i>CAEL (Council for Adult &amp; Experiential Learning)</i>	<i>Indianapolis, IN</i>
<i>Catalyst Kitchens</i>	
<i>Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO)</i>	<i>New York, NY</i>
<i>Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)</i>	<i>Washington, DC</i>
<i>Center for Living and Learning</i>	<i>Los Angeles, CA</i>
<i>Center for Rural Affairs</i>	<i>Lyons, NE</i>
<i>Center on Education and Labor at New America</i>	<i>Washington, DC</i>
<i>Centro Cultural</i>	<i>Cornelius, OR</i>
<i>Chef Ann Foundation</i>	<i>National</i>
<i>Chrysalis</i>	<i>Los Angeles, CA</i>
<i>Church World Service</i>	<i>Washington, DC</i>
<i>Coalfield Development</i>	<i>Huntington, WV</i>
<i>College and Community Fellowship</i>	<i>New York, NY</i>
<i>Colorado Equitable Economic Mobility Initiative</i>	<i>Denver, CO</i>

<i>Columbia Industries</i>	<i>Kennewick, WA</i>
<i>Community Financial Resources</i>	<i>Oakland, CA</i>
<i>Community Health Councils (CHC)</i>	<i>Los Angeles, CA</i>
<i>Community Kitchen Pittsburgh</i>	<i>Pittsburgh, PA</i>
<i>Community Servings Inc.</i>	<i>Boston, MA</i>
<i>Conservation Corps of Long Beach</i>	<i>Long Beach, CA</i>
<i>Covenant House California</i>	<i>Los Angeles, CA</i>
<i>Covenant House National</i>	<i>National</i>
<i>Crossroads Campus</i>	<i>Nashville, TN</i>
<i>Crossroads of Iowa</i>	<i>Urbandale, IA</i>
<i>DC Central Kitchen</i>	<i>Washington, DC</i>
<i>Downtown Women's Center</i>	<i>Los Angeles, CA</i>
<i>Drug Policy Alliance</i>	<i>New York</i>
<i>Emma's Torch</i>	<i>New York, NY &amp; Washington, DC</i>
<i>Empowerment Plan</i>	<i>Detroit, MI</i>
<i>Farestart</i>	<i>Seattle, WA</i>
<i>Farming Hope</i>	<i>San Francisco, CA</i>
<i>Food Lifeline</i>	<i>Seattle, WA</i>
<i>Foodlink, Inc.</i>	<i>Rochester, NY</i>
<i>Food Shift</i>	<i>Alameda, CA</i>
<i>FPWA (Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies)</i>	<i>New York, NY</i>
<i>Food Research Action Center (FRAC)</i>	<i>Multiple Locations</i>
<i>FreeWorld</i>	<i>National</i>
<i>Futures Without Violence</i>	<i>Washington, DC</i>
<i>Goodwill of Silicon Valley</i>	<i>San Jose, CA</i>
<i>Goodwill Industries of Greater Cleveland &amp; East Central Ohio</i>	<i>Cleveland, OH</i>
<i>Greater Boston Foodbank</i>	<i>Boston, MA</i>
<i>Greater Hartford Legal Aid</i>	<i>Hartford, CT</i>
<i>GreenLight Fund Atlanta</i>	<i>Atlanta, GA</i>
<i>GrowGood</i>	<i>Los Angeles, CA</i>
<i>Heartland Alliance</i>	<i>Chicago, IL</i>

<i>Heart Ministry Center</i>	<i>Omaha, NE</i>
<i>HomePlate Youth Services</i>	<i>Beaverton, OR</i>
<i>Homeward Bound of Marin</i>	<i>Novato, CA</i>
<i>Hunger Free Oklahoma</i>	<i>Oklahoma</i>
<i>Hunger-Free Oregon</i>	<i>Portland, OR</i>
<i>Indy Hunger Network</i>	<i>Indianapolis, IN</i>
<i>Inspiration Corporation</i>	<i>Chicago, IL</i>
	<i>Boston, MA; Washington, DC;</i>
<i>Jobs for the Future (JFF)</i>	<i>Oakland, CA</i>
<i>Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies</i>	<i>Washington, DC</i>
<i>JusticeLink</i>	<i>Tulsa, OK</i>
<i>JustLeadership USA</i>	<i>New York, NY</i>
<i>JustUS Coordinating Council</i>	<i>New York, NY</i>
<i>JVS SoCal</i>	<i>Los Angeles, CA</i>
<i>Juma Ventures</i>	<i>San Francisco, CA</i>
<i>Keys2Work</i>	<i>Indianapolis, IN</i>
<i>LA Conservation Corps</i>	<i>Los Angeles, CA</i>
<i>Landforce</i>	<i>Pittsburgh, PA</i>
<i>Law Enforcement Action Partnership</i>	<i>Beverly, MA</i>
<i>Legal Action Center/National H.I.R.E Network</i>	<i>New York, NY</i>
<i>Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)</i>	<i>Washington, DC</i>
<i>Los Angeles Regional Food Bank</i>	<i>Los Angeles, CA</i>
<i>Manna on Main Street</i>	<i>Lansdale, PA</i>
<i>Mass Law Reform Institute</i>	<i>Boston, MA</i>
<i>MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger</i>	<i>Washington, DC</i>
<i>Meadowlark Employment Services</i>	<i>Portland, OR</i>
<i>Merrimack Valley Food Bank</i>	<i>Lowell, MA</i>
<i>Michigan Collaborative to End Mass Incarceration</i>	<i>Lansing, MI</i>
<i>Michigan League for Public Policy</i>	<i>Lansing, MI</i>
<i>Mile High WorkShop</i>	<i>Denver, CO</i>
<i>Mississippi Center for Reentry</i>	<i>Southaven, MS</i>

<i>Montana Food Bank Network</i>	<i>Missoula, MT</i>
<i>My Story Matters</i>	<i>Provo, UT</i>
<i>National Alliance of Trauma Recovery Centers</i>	<i>San Francisco, CA</i>
<i>National Association of Counties</i>	<i>Washington, DC</i>
<i>National Coalition for the Homeless</i>	<i>Washington, DC</i>
<i>National Skills Coalition</i>	<i>Washington,DC</i>
<i>Nebraska Appleseed</i>	<i>Lincoln, NE</i>
<i>Network Lobby for Catholic Social Justice</i>	<i>Washington, DC</i>
<i>New Avenues for Youth</i>	<i>Portland, OR</i>
<i>New Earth Organization</i>	<i>Culver City, CA</i>
<i>New Moms</i>	<i>Chicago, IL</i>
<i>New York Association of Training and Employment Professionals</i>	<i>Albany, NY</i>
<i>New York City Employment and Training Coalition</i>	<i>New York, NY</i>
<i>No More Empty Pots</i>	<i>Omaha, NE</i>
<i>Northern Valley Industries</i>	<i>Wausau, WI</i>
<i>Open Hand Atlanta</i>	<i>Atlanta, GA</i>
<i>Operation New Hope</i>	<i>Florida</i>
<i>Orion Industries</i>	<i>Auburn, WA</i>
<i>Osborne Association</i>	<i>Bronx, NY</i>
<i>Paul's Place &amp; Groundwork Kitchen</i>	<i>Baltimore, MD</i>
<i>Per Scholas</i>	<i>New York, NY</i>
<i>Pioneer Human Services</i>	<i>Seattle, WA</i>
<i>Project Bread</i>	<i>East Boston, MA</i>
<i>Project Feast</i>	<i>Kent, WA</i>
<i>Project Real Life Y.O.T.C.</i>	<i>Riverdale, GA</i>
<i>Project Return</i>	<i>Nashville, TN</i>
<i>Purple Door Coffee</i>	<i>Englewood, CO</i>
<i>RISE</i>	<i>Omaha, NE</i>
<i>RecycleForce</i>	<i>Indianapolis, IN</i>
<i>REDF</i>	<i>San Francisco, CA</i>

<i>Relmagine Appalachia</i>	<i>Appalachia (OH, KY, WV, PA)</i>
<i>Repowered (fka Tech Dump/Tech Discounts)</i>	<i>St Paul, MN</i>
<i>RESULTS</i>	<i>Washington, DC</i>
<i>Results for America</i>	<i>Washington, DC</i>
<i>Root</i>	<i>Salem, MA</i>
<i>Safer Foundation</i>	<i>Chicago, IL</i>
<i>San Jose Conservation Corps</i>	<i>San Jose, CA</i>
<i>Second Chance Center Colorado</i>	<i>Aurora, CO</i>
<i>Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest NC</i>	<i>Winston-Salem, NC</i>
<i>Second Harvest of Silicon Valley</i>	<i>San Jose, CA</i>
<i>Stone Soup PDX</i>	<i>Portland, OR</i>
<i>Stop the Drug War</i>	<i>Washington, DC</i>
<i>The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts</i>	<i>Hatfield, MA</i>
<i>The Fortune Society</i>	<i>Long Island City, NY</i>
<i>The Idaho Foodbank</i>	<i>Meridian, ID</i>
<i>The Light House, Inc</i>	<i>Annapolis, MD</i>
<i>The Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership</i>	<i>Los Angeles, CA</i>
<i>The Prison Scholar Fund</i>	<i>Seattle, WA</i>
<i>Together Omaha</i>	<i>Omaha, NE</i>
<i>Trade Institute of Pittsburgh</i>	<i>Pittsburgh, PA</i>
<i>Treatment Communities of America</i>	<i>Washington, DC</i>
<i>Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Education Program, Inc</i>	<i>Los Angeles, CA</i>
<i>Universal Income Project</i>	<i>Oakland, CA</i>
<i>UNOM New Day Centers, Inc.</i>	<i>Phoenix, AZ</i>
<i>Uplift Northwest</i>	<i>Seattle, WA</i>
<i>Urban Corps of San Diego County</i>	<i>San Diego, CA</i>
<i>UTEC Inc</i>	<i>Lowell, MA</i>
<i>Valeo Vocation</i>	<i>Tacoma, WA</i>
<i>Vehicles for Change</i>	<i>Halethorpe, MD</i>
<i>West Side Catholic Center</i>	<i>Cleveland, OH</i>
<i>Weld Seattle</i>	<i>Seattle, WA</i>

*Wildfire*

*William E. Morris Institute for Justice*

*Women's Bean Project*

*Worcester County Food Bank*

*Phoenix, AZ*

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*Denver, CO*

*Shrewsbury, MA*