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FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

This legislative session, leaders in Washington will determine the future of federal nutrition programs for years to come. Hunger Task Force believes that all communities—rural, remote, and urban—must see sustained federal investments that protect our nation’s most vulnerable residents.

Federal nutrition programs do more than reduce hunger. They strengthen local economies, support working families, stabilize food retailers and farmers, and help communities survive during economic uncertainty. Every federal nutrition dollar invested returns economic activity to local grocery stores, food producers, distributors, and workers.

As the leading anti-hunger and public policy organization in Wisconsin, **Hunger Task Force urges Congress to protect and strengthen federal nutrition programs** that ensure children, seniors, people with disabilities, veterans and families have access to nutritious food while supporting local economies across our state and the nation.

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STRENGTHEN THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)

- Reverse the recent increase in the administrative and the unprecedented program cost shift to states based on error rates, or at a minimum enact a two-year delay to allow states adequate time to adjust systems and staffing without risking benefit delays for eligible households.
- Restore and protect funding for SNAP-Ed, which supports nutrition education and helps low-income individuals and families make healthy food choices and increase physical activity to improve long term health outcomes.
- Reverse the recent expanded work requirements for parents of minor children and adults aged 55 to 64.
- Restore SNAP eligibility to individuals with legal immigrant statuses including those granted refugee, asylum and temporary protected status for humanitarian reasons.
- End the lifetime SNAP ban for individuals with past felony drug convictions.
- Ensure state level funding to replace 100% of SNAP benefits stolen through card skimming or similar fraud.



FULLY FUND THE COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOODPROGRAM (CSFP)

- Allocate at least \$495 million annually to sustain a national caseload of at least 760,000 low-income seniors, helping seniors remain healthy and independent. For the past three years, Wisconsin had a waitlist due to inadequate funding and decreasing slot allocations.
- Expand access to CSFP through a voluntary program delivery pilot that prioritizes rural communities, Tribal Organizations and seniors with disabilities and transportation issues in urban and suburban areas. This should be done without reducing CSFP caseload or food package resources.



INVEST IN THE EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TEFAP)

- Increase mandatory funding for TEFAP food purchases to at least \$500 million annually, adjusted for food cost inflation.
- Reinstate Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) funds and continue Section 32 funding to support additional food purchases to meet the increased demands at local food pantries



PROTECT AND EXPAND CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Child nutrition programs support learning, health, and family stability while reducing food insecurity and supporting working parents.

- Protect and strengthen the School Breakfast Program, National School Lunch Program, Summer Food Service Program, Summer EBT, WIC, and CACFP.
- Reduce administrative barriers that limit participation by schools, childcare providers, and community partners.
- Ensure benefit and reimbursement levels reflect the rising cost of food for families and schools.
- Permanently establish the Identified Student Percentage (ISP) threshold to 25%.
- Make permanent key WIC flexibilities created/expanded for remote service delivery including enrollment and certification processes.
- Expand funding for Farm to School grants to help schools buy local food and build food education programming.
- Allocate funding for grants for school kitchen equipment, storage and infrastructure upgrades.