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Senator Moreno,

As a constituent and concerned citizen, I'm writing to urge you to oppose any cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and instead support efforts to strengthen this vital program in the upcoming budget and Farm Bill discussions.

SNAP is a lifeline for working families, seniors, veterans, and children across Ohio. It helps people get back on their feet, supports local economies, and reduces the burden on already overstretched food pantries and charities. In 2025, food prices remain high, and many families are still struggling to make ends meet.

Here are a few key points I hope you will consider:

SNAP is underfunded relative to need. In 2024, over 42 million Americans, including 1.4 million Ohioans, relied on SNAP. Yet benefits still average just \$6.20 per person per day, which is not enough to meet basic nutritional needs, especially with food prices up nearly 25% since 2020.

Food banks are overwhelmed. In the Shared Harvest Foodbank region alone, we've served an average of 42,600 people per month in 2025, including 14,000 children and 7,000 seniors. These numbers are rising, and we cannot meet the demand without a strong federal safety net.

SNAP boosts local economies. Every \$1 in SNAP generates up to \$1.80 in economic activity, supporting grocers, farmers, and small businesses, especially in rural and suburban communities.

Work requirements and cost shifts hurt working families. Many SNAP recipients already work, care for children, or are elderly or disabled. Shifting costs to states or tightening eligibility will only increase hardship and administrative burdens.

Ohio would face devastating financial impacts if federal cost-sharing for SNAP is implemented. A shift of:

- **5% would cost Ohio \$158 million**
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These figures represent a massive and unsustainable burden on Ohio's budget. Cuts or cost shifts of this magnitude will worsen poverty and hunger across the state, especially for children, seniors, and working families already on the brink.

I'm especially concerned about proposals that would:

- **Shift SNAP costs to states, forcing Ohio to either raise taxes or cut benefits.**

- **Expand time limits and work requirements that penalize older adults and parents who are already trying to do the right thing.**
- **Freeze updates to the Thrifty Food Plan, reducing benefits over time and hurting every household on SNAP.**
- **We understand the importance of fiscal responsibility, but cutting SNAP or failing to invest in it is a false economy. It leads to higher healthcare costs, lower educational outcomes, and greater strain on local services.**

I respectfully ask you to:

- **Reject any budget resolution that includes SNAP cuts.**
- **Support full federal funding and administration of SNAP.**
- **Advocate for a strong Farm Bill that protects and improves food assistance.**

Thank you for your service and for listening to the voices of Ohioans who care deeply about reducing hunger and supporting families.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]

To be emailed to: jamari_hartley@husted.senate.gov & Maggie_ward@husted.senate.gov

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