

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

October 24, 2025

The Honorable Joseph Lombardo
State Capitol Building
101 North Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Governor Lombardo,

Nevadans across the Silver State are struggling to afford basic household necessities amid the ever-rising cost of living under the Trump–Vance Administration. As a direct result, families rely on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to make ends meet now more than ever. Any lapse in these critical benefits caused by the Republican-driven government shutdown would have devastating and far-reaching consequences for our state. We, the undersigned, urge you to take all possible actions to mitigate the harmful effects of this shutdown on Nevada’s most vulnerable residents.

As you know, SNAP is the largest nutrition assistance program in the nation and serves approximately 500,000 Nevadans each month – including 39 percent of children, 19 percent of older adults, and 31 percent of people with disabilities. The program also supports more than 3,200 full- and part-time workers across the state, sustaining both working families and local economies.

As the Republican shutdown continues, many families who depend on SNAP will likely turn to food pantries for help. Unfortunately, these critical community-based organizations are already stretched thin by rising demand and reduced federal support under H.R. 1. In fact, as a result of this partisan law, Nevada will be forced to reallocate at least \$19 million in the current biennium, and \$25 million annually thereafter – resources that could otherwise be used to fight hunger or strengthen community partners.¹ And the consequences of this legislation are already evident. Over the past four months, local food banks have reported an unprecedented surge in demand, with some seeing up to a 16 percent increase in the number of people seeking help – families simply trying to keep their pantries stocked.² Without swift action, a funding shortfall of this magnitude will only deepen Nevada’s worsening hunger crisis, especially when coupled with benefits lost as a result of the Republican shutdown.

As members of the House Democratic Caucus, we have been warning about the impact of these cuts and the risks to Nevada’s families since the beginning of 2025. Unfortunately, those

¹ <https://www.rgj.com/story/news/2025/08/15/citing-expected-snap-shortfall-cannizzaro-says-any-special-session-cant-ignore-federal-fallout/85677258007/>

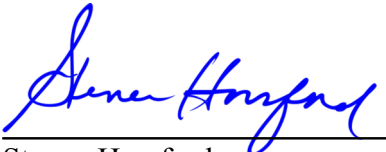
² <https://www.fox5vegas.com/2025/10/22/benefits-nevada-families-risk-during-federal-government-shutdown/>

warnings are now becoming reality as working families, seniors, and children face increasing hardship.^{3;4;5}

While we appreciate that your office is working with the Nevada Department of Human Services and the Nevada Department of Agriculture to secure supplemental resources for SNAP beneficiaries if the Republican-shutdown extends beyond October 31st, we urge you to use every tool and resource available – including calling for a Special Session of the Legislature, if necessary – to ensure the continuity of support of SNAP through November 2025.⁶ We stand ready to work with you and your administration in a bipartisan manner to navigate the complexities of the federal bureaucracy and guarantee that no Nevadan is left wondering how they will feed their family. As the holiday season approaches, let us work together to reopen the government, lower costs, and strengthen the programs that safeguard the health and wellness of our communities.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress



Dina Titus
Member of Congress



Susie Lee
Member of Congress

³ <https://horsford.house.gov/media/press-releases/horsford-warns-nv-legislature-of-gop-medicaid-cuts>

⁴ <https://titus.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=4731>

⁵ <https://susielee.house.gov/media/press-releases/congresswoman-lee-statement-voting-against-house-republicans-budget-bill-wages>

⁶ <https://nevadacurrent.com/2025/10/23/shutdown-threatens-november-snap-benefits-wic-good-through-dec-23-officials-say/>