

**Greater Chicago Food Depository  
Statement on the Gov. Bruce Rauner Requesting ABAWD Waiver  
November 27, 2018**

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The Greater Chicago Food Depository is thrilled that Gov. Bruce Rauner requested a waiver from the time limit for able-bodied adults without dependents to receive benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). SNAP is the frontline defense against hunger in our communities. Those who are deemed able-bodied still may not be able to work the 20 hours a week required by the program for a host of reasons, including undiagnosed health conditions, mental illness and recent incarceration. Many of them are military veterans who deserve our full support. We believe SNAP benefits, in addition to the help we provide at the Greater Chicago Food Depository, are crucial in the mission to end hunger.

Thank you to everyone who raised their voices encouraging Gov. Rauner to request this waiver for 2019. And thank you, Gov. Rauner, for your compassionate decision as we head into the holiday season.