



**Greater Chicago Food Depository
Statement on White House FY21 Budget and its Impact on Hunger
Feb. 11, 2020**

The White House's fiscal year 2021 budget proposes billions of dollars in cuts to vital safety net programs, including more than \$180 billion in cuts over 10 years in food assistance provided through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). It also calls for cuts to Medicaid, assistance for people with disabilities, low-income energy assistance and low-income housing programs. These programs prevent hunger in our community and empower people to lift themselves out of poverty.

At a time when more than 40 million Americans and 1.4 million people in Illinois struggle to access food, this budget would result in deeper hardship for our neighbors in need, particularly children and older adults. The Greater Chicago Food Depository strongly opposes any budget proposal that would weaken the safety net and harm our most vulnerable neighbors.