

FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR LAWFULLY PRESENT IMMIGRANTS LOSING SNAP

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THE PROBLEM: SNAP BENEFITS LOSS FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH IMMIGRANTS



- Last summer, Congress passed H.R. 1 which eliminates SNAP eligibility for **16,000** lawfully present immigrants in Illinois.
- Immigrants that will lose eligibility under H.R. 1 include: Refugees, Asylees, Victims of Trafficking, Victims of Domestic Violence, and more.

THE PROPOSAL: USE STATE LOOK-ALIKE PROGRAM TO PREVENT HUNGER



- In 2016, Illinois created a SNAP look-alike program that has provided food assistance for survivors of torture and trafficking pursuing lawful status.
- This proposal builds on this existing state program to ensure those stripped of eligibility by H.R. 1 can still get food assistance.
- The structure and benefit levels of the state's SNAP look-alike program is the same as Federal SNAP.

UNDOCUMENTED HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NEVER BEEN ELIGIBLE FOR SNAP.

LOCAL ECONOMIC BENEFITS



- Addressing the gaps created by H.R. 1 will require adding an estimated **\$30M per year** to this critical food assistance program.
- Every dollar spent on SNAP generates \$1.50 in economic activity. This assistance, similarly, would generate **local economic impact of \$45M.**