

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jason Miyares
Attorney General of Virginia
202 N. 9th Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

October 29, 2025

Attorney General Miyares,

Without immediate action, SNAP funding will lapse on November 1st. This means that 42 million children, seniors, and low-income individuals struggling with food insecurity— including more than 824,000 in Virginia – will be placed at unnecessary risk of going hungry this coming month.¹ This does not have to happen.

Despite having the legal authority to utilize the Congressionally appropriated, \$5 billion SNAP contingency fund, the Trump Administration has chosen to let millions of Americans go hungry in order to make a political point. This comes after Republicans cut \$186 billion in SNAP benefits from families earlier this year. Reporting indicates that there are “no serious efforts underway at USDA to find other sources of funding.”²

It is worth restating that this is a choice. The Trump Administration is choosing to let kids go hungry. It is choosing not to feed seniors, single mothers, and veterans. It has the legal authority to do so.³ It has the moral responsibility to do so. But it is not.

As the attorney general of Virginia, it is your responsibility to challenge the actions of the Trump Administration when they harm Virginians. Many states’ attorneys general have already realized the serious impacts this decision will have on their states, and we strongly urge you to join them in suing the Trump Administration to fund SNAP. Doing so would be in line with Governor Youngkin’s recent declaration of a state of emergency, allowing the Commonwealth to cover SNAP benefits. And if the lawsuit is successful, disbursing the contingency fund would eliminate the need for Virginia taxpayers to cover this lapse in funding.

We hope that you seriously consider taking legal action to protect SNAP and the Virginians who will be hurt if these funds are not disbursed. If you decide not to join the attorneys general’s lawsuit, we ask that you inform our delegation as to why. Please respond to this letter no later than October 31st, 2025.

Sincerely,

¹ [USDA, “Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Number of Persons Participating.” August 8, 2025.](#)

² [Hill, Meredith Lee, “Democrats plan to sue over food aid as GOP splits on legislative patch.” POLITICO, October 27, 2025.](#)

³ [USDA, “Impact of the Government Lapse on November Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program \(SNAP\) Household Benefits. October 25, 2025.](#)

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515



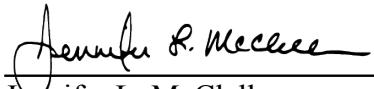
Eugene Simon Vindman
Member of Congress



James R. Walkinshaw
Member of Congress



Suhas Subramanyam
Member of Congress



Jennifer L. McClellan
Member of Congress



Robert C. "Bobby" Scott
Member of Congress



Donald S. Beyer Jr.
Member of Congress