



## BILL RECONCILIATION TALKING POINT NO ADDITIONAL PAPERWORK

**Families with children already struggle; this will reduce access.**

The bill proposes \$211 billion cut to SNAP over 10 years would eliminate the equivalent of 6.7 billion meals per year nationwide.

Iowa's food banks already face increasing pressure: they distributed over **61 million meals last year**, up from the pandemic peak of 51 million. This trend indicates **deepening food insecurity**, not improvement

## IMPACTS ON CHILDREN

1. The proposed changes to SNAP **redefine who counts as a dependent**, excluding children as young as **9 years old** from protection against work requirements for their parents.
2. That means **fourth graders could lose access to food** because their parents can't meet new work rules.
3. Food insecurity undermines childhood health, brain development, and academic success.
4. The Iowa Legislature has prioritized reducing **chronic absenteeism** in schools, recognizing that **kids need to be in class to learn and succeed**.
5. But at the same time, proposals to cut SNAP or impose stricter rules on families threaten to **increase childhood hunger**—a leading factor in school absences.
6. SNAP already has extensive work requirements for many recipients, and most able-bodied adults who can work are already doing so.

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