



BILL RECONCILIATION TALKING POINTS: REQUEST NO STATE COST SHARING

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.

COST-SHARING TO STATES: Puts undue financial burden on Iowa.

1. Iowa would be forced to absorb **an additional \$13 million** annually under SNAP cost-sharing, despite maintaining one of the **lowest SNAP error rates in the country** (6th lowest nationally).
2. The state **recently had to draw over \$900 million from its reserves** to balance the budget—this level of emergency funding use is **unsustainable** long-term.
3. Forcing states to shoulder additional SNAP costs risks **destabilizing state budgets**, leading to potential cuts in other essential services like education, infrastructure, and healthcare.
4. Iowa's exemplary management of SNAP should be **rewarded, not penalized**. Imposing cost-sharing on states with low error rates sends the wrong message and **disincentivizes efficiency**.
5. Congress should look at Iowa's example of implementing a business process redesign focused on increased efficiency and accuracy in the application process and collaborated with the federal government to build a new eligibility verification process
6. Iowa received a \$1.8M fine for having an excessive SNAP error rate in 2018 (over 12%), and with the implementation of the new system, it now stands at 5.1%.

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