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Cuts to SNAP Will Hurt Texas Families Struggling to Afford Food

One in six Texas families are at risk of going hungry

(AUSTIN, Texas) — The Center for Public Policy Priorities released the following statement today regarding yesterday’s vote by the U.S. House of Representative’s Agriculture Committee to cut the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as Food Stamps).

“Yesterday’s vote by the U.S. House of Representative’s Agriculture Committee to cut SNAP by \$33 billion will hurt the families struggling to afford food in this time of high unemployment and economic distress. A cut of this magnitude would affect over 300,000 Texas families who will struggle to put food on the table without the support SNAP provides. SNAP was designed to expand when unemployment is high and contract as economic conditions improve. In this way the program assures that Texans stay healthy during period of job loss and stimulates our struggling economy. Cuts to this program will only weaken our nation’s ability to weather these rough economic times and return to prosperity.

“We are particularly concerned that some Texas’ members of Congress—who represent a state where one in six families struggle to afford food—voted to cut SNAP so deeply.

“Instead of weakening America’s safety net, our members of Congress should look for ways to lower unemployment and increase the economic stability of our nation and state.”

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