

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

Senator Brinks offered the following concurrent resolution:

1 A concurrent resolution to urge the Trump Administration and
2 the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to immediately
3 release Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program funding.

4 Whereas, The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
5 is one of the most effective anti-hunger and anti-poverty
6 initiatives in the nation. SNAP provides critical food assistance
7 to more than 42 million individuals, including working families,
8 children, seniors, and veterans, who rely on this support to put
9 food on the table; and

10 Whereas, In 2024, approximately 1.4 million Michigan residents
11 relied on SNAP, which is one in seven Michiganders, including
12 492,225 children and 38,513 veterans; and

13 Whereas, In Senate Districts 9, 20, and 30 alone, over 29,000
14 households rely on SNAP benefits; and

1 Whereas, The USDA under the Trump Administration advised the
2 Michigan Department of Health and Human Services that there may not
3 be enough funds to pay November SNAP benefits in full and directed
4 the department to pause and withhold November SNAP benefits until
5 further notice; and

6 Whereas, The withholding, delay, or obstruction of SNAP
7 benefit disbursement needlessly and directly threatens the
8 stability and health of working individuals and their families who
9 are already struggling under rising inflation from national
10 policies initiated by the Trump Administration and the Republican
11 Congress; and

12 Whereas, The White House and Republican Congressional
13 majorities have repeatedly used hunger and hardship as political
14 weapons, leveraging the suffering of fellow Americans to advance
15 radical and draconian budget cuts, dismantle social safety nets,
16 and score partisan political points at the expense of working
17 families and human dignity; and

18 Whereas, The legislative actions and inactions of President
19 Trump and Republicans in Congress have generated the political
20 climate that has resulted in the shutdown of the federal government
21 that threatens SNAP benefits and will also lead to dramatic
22 increases in healthcare costs due to extreme cuts to Medicaid,
23 Medicare, and Affordable Care Act Enhanced Premium Tax Credits for
24 working families; and

25 Whereas, The USDA has the option to use the billions of
26 dollars available in contingency reserves, already authorized by
27 Congress, to fund SNAP benefits, and any failure to act by
28 President Trump and Secretary Rollins is a callous disregard of
29 working individuals and families and a conscious choice to hurt

1 fellow Americans; and

2 Whereas, Failure to release SNAP benefits will likely cause
3 immediate and lasting harm: seniors will skip meals, children will
4 go hungry, individuals with disabilities will have to pick between
5 medication and eating, families will be forced to choose between
6 putting food on the table and paying rent, and resource-strained
7 communities will struggle with increased demand on food banks and
8 emergency services; and

9 Whereas, The Trump Administration's actions this year have
10 already strained food banks by cutting 500 million dollars in
11 deliveries for the Emergency Food Assistance Program, which
12 provides locally produced meat, dairy, and eggs to food banks and
13 other organizations across the country; and

14 Whereas, Michiganders in rural counties will be hardest hit.
15 Of the 30 counties with the highest SNAP participation rates, 26
16 are rural. The economic impact of withholding SNAP benefits extends
17 beyond individual households, as farmers, local grocery stores, and
18 vendors will struggle with reduced demand for their goods; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives
21 concurring), That we urge the United States Department of
22 Agriculture under the Trump Administration to release Supplemental
23 Nutrition Assistance Program funding without political
24 interference, delay, or manipulation; and be it further

25 Resolved, That we urge the Republican majorities in Congress
26 and President Trump to reopen the government, uphold health care
27 access, and restore food access to people as soon as possible; and
28 be it further

29 Resolved, That we call for an end to the deliberate

1 obstruction of nutritional aid by the White House and Congressional
2 Republicans, whose actions threaten the health, stability, and
3 moral conscience of the nation; and be it further

4 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
5 President of the United States, the United States Secretary of
6 Agriculture, the Speaker of the United States House of
7 Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the United States
8 Senate, and the congressional delegation of Michigan.