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Representative Brittany Pettersen  
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Dear Honorable Members of Colorado's Congressional Delegation,

We the undersigned organizations and constituents urge you to take immediate action to ensure the release of SNAP benefits, even during a continuing government shutdown. While the USDA has directed states to halt preparations for issuance of November SNAP benefits, the USDA has the authority and contingency funding necessary to ensure Coloradans do not see a complete lapse in their SNAP benefits come November. It is critical that the administration acts quickly to guarantee access to our most critical tool for preventing hunger, this is a policy choice. Placing the burden of this shutdown on the lives of some of our most vulnerable Americans can and must be avoided.

A lapse in benefits will impact more than 600,000 Coloradans, half of which are children, 90,000 of which are people living with disabilities, and 60,000 who are people over the age of 65. This will lead to a significant decline in nutrition security and force families to go hungry. The proposed pause in SNAP benefits would drive thousands of Coloradans to food banks and pantries that are already struggling to keep up with the long lines. The difficult reality is that food banks are already overwhelmed and are not able to meet the increase in demand this lapse in benefits will cause. Additionally, for every meal that a food bank provides, SNAP provides nine, meaning that despite the charitable food system's best efforts, they cannot fill the meal gap.

This impact will not be felt by just SNAP shoppers and our charitable food systems, it will impact our entire economy. For every \$1 invested in SNAP, there is between \$1.50 and \$1.80 returned to the local economy, SNAP is an economic multiplier. More than 3,000 retailers across the state will feel the void left by a lack of SNAP dollars circulating in our economy. Small independent grocers will feel this impact more deeply as they already operate on very thin margins, putting their businesses at jeopardy.

The USDA memo sent to state agencies on October 10th, outlines that "if the current lapse in appropriations continues, there will be insufficient funds to pay for *full* November benefits". At

minimum, the USDA should ensure contingency funding is used to provide the more than 600,000 Coloradans with at least partial benefits.

As organizations, individuals, businesses, local & elected officials and most importantly, Coloradans — We call on you, as our delegation, to demand that USDA use their full authority and release any contingency or reserve funding to ensure hunger does not worsen during this shutdown.

Signed,

**Statewide:**

Provecho Collective  
Nourish Colorado  
Hunger Free Colorado  
Colorado Fiscal Institute  
Colorado Coalition for the Homeless  
Colorado Center on Law & Policy  
Colorado Community Health Network  
Colorado Organizations and Individuals  
Responding to HIV/AIDS (CORA)  
Colorado Center for Aging  
Colorado Food Systems Advisory Council  
Healthy Community Food Systems  
Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning  
Youth Healthcare Alliance  
We Don't Waste  
Spirit of the Sun  
UpRoot Colorado  
Save the Children Action Network  
City of Littleton  
Senator Chris Kolker  
Senator Cathy Kipp  
Senator Katie Wallace  
Representative Andy Boesenecker  
Mayor Pro Tem Stephan Barr  
Natasha Leadon  
Sara Garcia  
Karen Kremer  
Jasmine Ellington  
Kate Darlington  
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Nicki Bork  
Lucille Dawson  
McKenna Skokos  
Lauren Hazlett  
(Robert) Michael Walker  
Rachel Bull  
Treasure Bohoy  
Tara Allen  
Carly Luebber  
Joe Tonjuk  
Matt Sellick  
Emily Robinson  
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Carolina Us Castro  
Kelly Mehta  
Alex DeJoy  
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Stephanie Johannes  
Martin Pantoja

**Congressional District 1:**

Colorado Consumer Health Initiative  
Movimento Poder  
Decatur Fresh  
Sprout City Farms  
City Park Farmer's Market  
Denver Food Rescue  
Denver Indian Family Resource Center  
Andrea's No Cost Food Market  
Senator Julie Gonzales  
Representative Steven Woodrow

Representative Cecelia Espenoza  
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Hannah Iavin  
Chase Conlin  
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Sarah Epstein  
Andre Conceicao  
Catherine Naman  
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Maureen Omalley  
Patricia Castillo  
Amy Golden  
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Kristin Cowgill  
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Diana Glass  
Bethany DeHamer  
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Lindy Russell  
Francesca Lowe  
Rebecca Carpenter  
Lily Lake  
Rebecca Pope  
Rachael Kuintzle  
Brittany Ballard  
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Stephanie Noll

**Congressional District 2:**

Fort Collins Winter Farmers Market  
Mountain Avenue Market  
Boulder County Farmers Markets  
Boulder Food Rescue  
Coal Creek Meals on Wheels  
Lowell Street Community Garden  
Family & Intercultural Resource Center  
(FIRC)  
The Tipi Raisers  
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Senator Dylan Roberts  
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Representative Meghan Lukens  
Representative Karen McCormick  
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Ciara Faber  
Grace Benasutti  
Reagan Ross  
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Danielle Kendrick  
Luna Collins  
Ann Palius  
Christie Renner  
Wendy Moschetti  
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**Congressional District 3:**

Pueblo's Farmers Market  
Small Town Project  
Simpson's Local Market  
San Luis Valley Local Foods Coalition  
The Learning Council Arbol Farmers Market  
Pueblo Food Project  
Community Food Bank of Grand Junction  
Highwater Farm  
Good Food Collective  
Western Colorado Alliance  
Representative Elizabeth Velasco  
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Rebecca Robbins  
Paige Helling  
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Graham Marousek  
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Food to Power  
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Representative Gretchen Rydin  
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City Council Member Joel Zink  
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Laquetta Walker  
Elizabeth Poell  
Benu Amun-Ra  
Fatima Assoudam  
America Carbajal Uranga  
Rachel Allred  
Kaitlin Wanberg  
Sulastri Carr  
Kate Baumgartner  
L. Jane Bourgoin  
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Javay Mims  
Ella Rose

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Angelica Village  
Mountain Mamas  
Jefferson County Food Policy Council  
GoFarm  
Representative Monica Duran  
Representative Brianna Titone  
Willow Cozzens  
Shakira Johnson  
Kate Buchanan  
Asma Bushara  
Marrton Dormish  
Lindsey Jensen  
Erin Meyer  
Marietta Dodson  
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