
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 366 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY PASHINSKI, SCHLOSSBERG, KINSEY, V. BROWN, MILLARD,
DRISCOLL, BULLOCK, CALTAGIRONE, D. COSTA, McNEILL, THOMAS,
SCHWEYER, READSHAW AND McCARTER, JUNE 2, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JUNE 2, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Opposing efforts to block grant funding or reduce the
2 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) which would
3 prevent the program from responding efficiently and
4 effectively to changes in the economy and personal
5 circumstances faced by individual beneficiaries and
6 supporting efforts to ensure that charitable giving
7 incentives benefiting nonprofits are protected in any tax
8 reform effort.

9 WHEREAS, More than 1.8 million Pennsylvanians struggle with
10 hunger and food insecurity; and

11 WHEREAS, Most Americans experience food insecurity at some
12 point during their life, often due to unforeseen circumstances,
13 such as household poverty, job loss, inadequate employment
14 hours, divorce or health issues; and

15 WHEREAS, Hunger negatively impacts the ability of children to
16 learn, lowers worker productivity and jeopardizes the health of
17 senior citizens; and

18 WHEREAS, Federal law permits a tax deduction for allowable
19 contributions to tax exempt charitable organizations; and

20 WHEREAS, Residents of this Commonwealth care deeply about the

1 problem of hunger, generously supporting the charitable food
2 network represented by Feeding Pennsylvania and Hunger-Free
3 Pennsylvania; and

4 WHEREAS, The General Assembly funds the State Food Purchase
5 Program and the Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus System and
6 allocates tax credits to charitable food donors through the
7 Neighborhood Assistance Program; and

8 WHEREAS, Pennsylvanians rely on the Federal food and
9 nutrition programs as a foundation for our State and local
10 governments' antihunger efforts; and

11 WHEREAS, SNAP is the first line of defense against hunger,
12 helping more than 14% of Pennsylvanians buy groceries every
13 month and removing more than 13% of households out of poverty;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, The Emergency Food Assistance Program provides vital
16 support to food banks and other charities in their efforts to
17 help feed the most vulnerable Pennsylvanians; and

18 WHEREAS, The Commodity Supplemental Food Program provides
19 boxes of specified foods to thousands of low-income Pennsylvania
20 senior citizens; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives oppose efforts to
22 block grant funding or reduce the Supplemental Nutrition
23 Assistance Program (SNAP) which would prevent the program from
24 responding efficiently and effectively to changes in the economy
25 and personal circumstances faced by individual beneficiaries and
26 supporting efforts to ensure that charitable giving incentives
27 benefiting nonprofits are protected in any tax reform effort.