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**Subject:** Please urge Governor Gianforte to fully fund November SNAP Benefits

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ATTACHMENT 1

Dear Members of the Children, Families, Health and Human Services Interim Committee,

My name is Laura Cova, and I live in Missoula, MT. I urge Governor Gianforte to use state funds to fulfill the remaining portion of funding for SNAP, that the Trump administration is currently withholding. Feeding hungry Montanans is important and a vital role of our government.

As a parent, volunteer at the foodbank, and as a therapist working with children and their families, I see the importance of SNAP every day. I know a single mother with food sensitivities that does not have a car and lives across the street from a grocery store. To get to the food bank is an uber ride or bus ride with a newborn, and the food she gets there might not be the food she can eat without getting sick. Access to SNAP would allow her to safely and easily feed and nourish herself and her children.

I have been a grateful SNAP recipient. Once I unexpectedly had a job defunded after moving to that location for work. I was nearly broke when I got there and emergency SNAP kept me fed for a month until I found a job. I also used SNAP when I worked in service of Montana families as a FoodCorps Service Member (AmeriCorps Program). SNAP allowed me to feed myself while serving Montana children and their families as a public service.

Please fund SNAP in Montana and feed hungry Montanans until the federal government resumes full funding of the program.

Thank you,

Laura Cova