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Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Manning, Ranking Member Boyd and all other members of the House Health Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Concurrent Resolution 15.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a food assistance program designed to assist in the health and well-being of low income individuals in Ohio and across the United States. There are 1.3 million Ohioans currently receiving SNAP benefits. Due to the unique needs of different states, the federal government and The Department of Agriculture have long provided states with policy flexibility when administering SNAP benefits. This policy flexibility has maximized these benefits for the individuals receiving SNAP.

The need for this legislation came to my attention because of the proposed new administrative regulations that would impose more program eligibility standards and increase administrative burdens on states. These proposed regulations would, constrain states policy flexibility when administering SNAP benefits resulting in the loss of benefits for some individuals who are currently eligible to receive these benefits. The loss of these benefits will cause families to make tough decisions and will inevitably cause strain on their financial and even physical health.

It is Ohio's promise to help the most vulnerable and provide assistance for low income individuals. Therefore, HCR 15 seeks to urge Congress and the

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Department of Agriculture to continue providing states policy flexibility to administer SNAP to meet the needs of program beneficiaries.

Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Manning, Ranking Member Boyd and all other members of the House Health Committee, I thank you for your time, and I hope to have the support of the committee behind House Concurrent Resolution 15. I will be happy to answer any questions at this time.