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**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

Urging Congress and the United States Department of 1  
Agriculture to continue the historical policy of 2  
affording states flexibility in administering the 3  
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. 4

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF  
OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program 5  
(SNAP) is a food assistance program designed to raise the 6  
nutrition levels, expand the buying power, and safeguard the 7  
health and well-being of low-income individuals in Ohio and 8  
throughout the United States; and 9

WHEREAS, According to the most recent caseload report from 10  
the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, there are more 11  
than 1.3 million Ohioans currently receiving SNAP benefits at an 12  
average monthly issuance of \$125; and 13

WHEREAS, The federal government and the United States 14  
Department of Agriculture have long recognized that different 15  
states face different and unique needs and challenges when 16  
administering SNAP to eligible households; and 17

WHEREAS, Due to these different and unique needs and 18  
challenges, the federal government and the United States 19  
Department of Agriculture provide states with various policy 20

options when administering SNAP, affording states the necessary 21  
flexibility to streamline program administration and maximize 22  
benefits for those in need; and 23

WHEREAS, Despite this longstanding history of providing 24  
policy flexibility, the United States Department of Agriculture 25  
has proposed new administrative regulations that, if finalized, 26  
would impose more stringent program eligibility standards and 27  
increase administrative burdens on the states; and 28

WHEREAS, These proposed regulations, if finalized, will 29  
constrain the flexibility that states have used to best meet the 30  
needs of eligible households, resulting in a loss of SNAP 31  
benefits for some currently eligible individuals; now therefore 32  
be it 33

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 133rd General 34  
Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge Congress and the United 35  
States Department of Agriculture to continue the longstanding 36  
policy of providing states the flexibility to administer SNAP in 37  
a way that best meets the unique needs of program beneficiaries 38  
and each state; and be it further 39

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 40  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 41  
Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, each 42  
member of the Ohio congressional delegation, and the news media 43  
of Ohio. 44