



4 Experts Available for Timely Analysis on the Shutdown's Halt to SNAP Benefits

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Last week, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced it would not use contingency funds during the government shutdown to continue the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which provides food benefits to tens of millions of Americans. As a result, SNAP payments are expected to stop on November 1. While several state attorneys general are now suing over this decision, the potential impact of losing these benefits is beginning to come into focus. For reporters covering this developing story, the following experts are available for comment:

SARAH BOWEN

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Bowen's research focuses on food access and on the relationships between food insecurity, inequality and childhood obesity.

ANNA GASSMAN-PINES

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Gassman-Pines has conducted research examining how low-wage work environments; community-wide job losses; and social policies like SNAP affect poor families in the U.S.

LINDSEY HAYNES-MASLOW

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Maslow is an expert on the intersection between food systems, nutrition and public health, as well as how government policies affect the food system.

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Morrissey's research focuses on child and family policy, including how public policies like early care and education, paid family leave, and public nutrition assistance affect child and family well-being.