



Advocacy Update

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Save Anti-Hunger Programs

Food insecurity increases markedly during economic downturns and natural disasters. Government anti-hunger programs are essential in reducing their impact on low-income families. The House of Representative's FY2012 Agriculture Appropriations Bill, which is under discussion on the floor of the House, unfortunately includes large cuts to several of the most important anti-hunger programs.

The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC) website indicates that the bill would cut:

- \$833 million from the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children
- \$2 billion from the reserve fund for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as food stamps)
- The Commodity Supplemental Food Program, which provides meals to mothers, infants, and the elderly
- The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), a means-tested program that distributes food through food banks, food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters.

Contact your representatives now by sending an electronic letter from the RAC website. When on the website, scroll to the bottom of the page and enter your zip code.