

# HOUSE REPUBLICAN FARM BILL: TAKING FOOD AWAY FROM WORKING AND UNEMPLOYED HOUSEHOLDS

The House Farm Bill would drastically expand punitive SNAP Work Rules. Adults 18-59 would be barred from SNAP unless they are disabled, have kids under 6, or prove **every month** that they are working or in a training program 20 hours/week. Over **100,000** Massachusetts residents would be at risk of losing SNAP.



## Working Mom + Child

- Anne is 35 and lives with her 8 yr old son, Tim
- She earns \$11/ hour, 30 hours/week at a retail job
- **\$217/month** SNAP



Tim gets the flu. Anne has to pull him out of school and misses 3 days of work. She isn't able to get coverage for her shifts so her employer fires her.



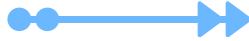
Their SNAP is cut to **\$57/month** -- until Anne can prove she's back to work 20 hours/week.

She has to stop paying the electric bill to pay for food.



## Restaurant Worker

- Jill is 35 and lives alone. She makes about \$300 working 25 hours/week at a restaurant on Cape Cod
- **\$89/month** SNAP



Business is cut in half during the off-season and Jill's hours are cut below the required 20 hours/week to keep her SNAP.



Jill has less than a month to find a new job or get a second part time job. Other off-season jobs in the service industry are scarce. Jill loses her SNAP.

She skips meals and has to go to a food pantry while looking for a better job.



## Older Worker

- Kelly is 57 and has worked at the same small local shoe store for 25 years
- She earned \$16/hour and did not get SNAP



The shoe store suddenly goes out of business. While getting unemployment she tries to find a new job but has a hard time due to her age and lack of skills. Her unemployment ends and she has no savings. She applies for SNAP.



Kelly can only get one month of SNAP - not have enough time to find a new job. Nearby job training programs don't help her build a new career at age 57.

Kelly is forced to go into credit card debt buying food. She stops eating fruits and vegetables because they are too expensive.