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Statement in Response to Governor Hochul's SNAP Announcement

(NEW YORK, NY) - The Legal Aid Society released the following statement on Governor Kathy Hochul's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) announcement:

"While we appreciate Governor Hochul's efforts to keep New Yorkers fed, Albany must do more to protect the more than 3 million households that rely on SNAP.

"Albany should follow the lead of other states — including [Louisiana, Vermont, and Virginia](#) — that have acted to maintain SNAP benefits despite federal disruptions. New York can and must do the same.

"We call on Governor Hochul to allocate up to \$650 million in State funds to ensure full SNAP benefits in November. The State has both financial means and the responsibility to prevent families from going hungry.

"As the federal government undermines essential food and healthcare programs, New York must lead with courage and compassion. Deploying state resources now will protect millions of residents who depend on these benefits to meet their most basic needs."

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