The Trump Administration has proposed a new rule that would restrict broad-based categorical eligibility for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). This dangerous proposal would take away vital food and nutrition from 3 million people, including over 600,000 seniors.

Specifically, the proposed rule eliminates the state option to use Broad Based Categorical Eligibility (BBCE), which is currently used by over 40 states to waive restrictive asset tests and ease administrative burdens. Congress rejected this proposed change by removing it from the last year’s Farm Bill, but now the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) is trying to limit SNAP eligibility through regulations.

Tell the USDA’s Food and Nutrition Service to protect SNAP for older adults and their families.

Use the National Council on Aging’s comment portal to send a personalized comment opposing this proposed rule today! Organizations can use the resources below to submit comments on regulations.gov.

The 60-day public comment period ends on September 23.

More Information and Resources

- NCOA’s Hunger and Nutrition Advocacy Toolkit
- Center on Budget and Policy Priorities Report
- Food Research and Action Center’s Toolkit