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Dear Member of Congress,

Bread for the World, a collective Christian voice advocating against hunger both in the United States and abroad, applauds the efforts already taken by Congress and the administration to meet the immediate needs of people experiencing the worst impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We urge that legislation being considered as early as this week include an immediate Increase the maximum Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefit by 15 percent to prevent a surge in hunger and enable parents and caregivers to have the resources to put food on the table. Working in coalition with Bread members, our partners, and other grassroots leaders, Bread urges that future legislation also immediately:

- Raise the minimum SNAP benefit from 16 dollars to 30 dollars.
- Suspend all SNAP rule changes and work requirements indefinitely.
- Extend the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program through the summer months/length of pandemic.
- Expand (by law) the USDA online-SNAP purchasing pilot program to all states and U.S. territories.
- Allow for off-site meal delivery services like mobile feeding programs and backpack meal programs.
- Remove USDA administrative burdens that delay the approval process of state SNAP and child nutrition waivers and P-EBT plans.
- Assist state and local governments in centralizing and widely distributing information about schools, school districts, and the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) sites that offer meals during school closures.
- Robustly fund food assistance for Puerto Rico and the other territories.

We thank you for your leadership during this difficult time. We join you in prayer for those who are hungry, those who are sick, those doing essential work, and those on the frontlines caring for our sick neighbors and family members.

Please contact Heather Valentine (Hvalentine@bread.org), Director of Bread's Government Relations Department, if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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