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My name is Salma Daoudi and I am a member of the community affected by the new SNAP eligibility rules. I am writing to share how these changes are impacting individuals and families in our community.

The new SNAP rules have made it harder for many people to qualify for food assistance. In my community, many households already struggle with low wages, rising food prices, high rent, and medical costs. Even small reductions in SNAP benefits have a big impact. Families are skipping meals, buying cheaper and less healthy food, or relying more on food pantries that are already stretched thin.

These changes especially affect seniors, people with disabilities, working parents, and students. Many people work but still do not earn enough to cover basic needs. Losing or reducing SNAP benefits increases stress and makes it harder for families to stay healthy, focused at work or school, and financially stable.

SNAP is not just a benefit, it is a lifeline, it helps people meet basic needs during difficult times and supports the local economy by increasing food purchases at neighborhood stores. I urge decision-makers to reconsider these eligibility changes and protect access to SNAP. Ensuring people can afford food, helps build healthier, stronger, and more resilient communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my experience.

Sincerely,

Salma