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Dear FreedomWorks member,

As one of our million-plus FreedomWorks members nationwide, I urge you to contact your representative and ask him or her to cosponsor H.R. 6567, the State Nutrition Assistance Flexibility Act. Introduced by Reps. Tim Huelskamp (R-KS), Paul Broun (R-GA), Steve Chabot (R-OH), and Jim Jordan (R-OH), it would enact much-needed reform of federal food welfare programs. The bill would specifically make food and nutrition programs more effective and affordable by combining the six food welfare programs contained within the Farm Bill into a single block grant to the states.

The State Nutrition Assistance Flexibility Act would roll federal funding for this block grant back to FY2008 levels. This will save taxpayers money and encourage states to use the funds in an efficient manner. Taxpayers deserve to know how exactly their money is being spent. All of the money spent will be subjected to annual independent audits that will be made available to the general public. In order to discourage states from wasting funds, misused funds must be repaid to American taxpayers with an additional 10% penalty.

Current federal food welfare programs are based on top-down regulatory controls from Washington. The State Nutrition Assistance would replace the following federal welfare programs: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) Community Food Projects, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP), Commodity Supplemental Food Program, and Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program. This would enable states to create their own nutrition programs based on the unique needs of their population.

The State Nutrition Assistance Flexibility Act would save taxpayers money and grant states more flexibility to design the food welfare programs according to the needs and priorities of their own citizens. I urge you to call your representative and ask him or her to cosponsor H.R. 6567, the State Nutrition Assistance Flexibility Act.

Sincerely,

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