Food insecurity rates have skyrocketed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. So far, the US Senate has taken no action to expand SNAP (Food Assistance).

Why should Iowa's Senators support a temporary 15% increase to SNAP?

- It would help struggling Iowans put food on the table by increasing the average monthly SNAP (Food Assistance) benefit amount by \$25 per person.
- Food insecurity has risen to record levels during the COVID-19 pandemic, further exacerbating racial inequities, and hundreds of thousands of lowans are in need of food assistance.
- In 2009, Congress passed a similar 15% increase to SNAP in response to the Great Recession, and research has shown the increase helped to keep nearly one million people out of poverty in 2010 alone.
- SNAP helps support the economy—according to the USDA Economic Research Service, every \$1 in SNAP benefits yields \$1.54 in economic stimulus.

Call your Senators today and tell them to support a 15% increase to SNAP!

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