

2019 SNAP E&T

Proposed Federal Rule Changes

Public Comment Submission Instructions

1) **Read the proposed rule** and open the page to submit comment:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/02/01/2018-28059/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-requirements-for-able-bodied-adults-without-dependents>

2) **Address your comment using the following format:**

Certification Policy Branch
SNAP Program Development Division
Food and Nutrition Service, USDA
3101 Park Center Drive
Alexandria, Virginia 22302

RE: Proposed Rule: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): Requirements for Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents RIN 0584-AE57

[DATE]

[NAME OF PERSON]

[NAME OF ORGANIZATION]

[ADDRESS]

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Dear Certification Policy Branch:

3) **Draft the body of your comment**

- The first line of the comment should get directly to the point and should state your organization's name and state your opposition to USDA's Proposed Rulemaking on SNAP requirements and services for Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDs).

- Describe your organization, what it does, etc.
- Describe your organization's connection to SNAP, and SNAP employment and training
 - Describe how many of your clients are enrolled in SNAP, and SNAP Employment and Training programs
 - Describe the role that SNAP plays in your client's lives, how it contributes to the success in your program, etc.
- Describe the harmful effects that the proposed rule changes will have on the populations and communities that your organization serves.
- Consider adding in some of the following talking points:
 - Specific harms that will be imposed on Illinois:
 - **Expose 415,000 people to hunger and food insecurity in Illinois alone.**
 - Taking away food assistance from job seekers will not increase the likelihood that they will find quality employment or move out of poverty. Rather, it will have the opposite effect and fuel cycles of hunger and poverty.
 - **Force limited SNAP resources to be spent on compliance monitoring rather than employment services.**
 - In Illinois, we know that there are simply not enough quality jobs or workforce development opportunities for an additional 415,000 people.
 - **Impose harmful ripple effects on the Illinois economy.**
 - According to USDA reports, every new dollar in SNAP benefits results in \$1.80 in total economic activity. The proposed rule changes would cause a reduction in the economic activity of local Illinois communities and adversely affect grocery retailers and agricultural producers.
 - List additional harms that would be imposed on your organization and the people it serves.
- In closing, restate your opposition to the proposed rule changes, and urge the Certification Policy Branch to reject and withdraw these changes and instead continue to strengthen and support America's most successful anti-hunger program for the health and well-being of all.
- Sign and list contact information if appropriate.

4. Submission Options:

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Read the proposed rule change in its entirety if you wish, then:

1. Click "Submit a Formal Comment", in the green box in the top right corner area of the page.

2. Attach your pdf file, and write "See attached file" in text box.
 - a. OR copy and paste your comment into the provided text box.
3. Submit appropriate contact information.
4. Share that you commented and encourage others to do the same!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ADVOCACY!