



TALKING POINTS: HOUSE REPUBLICANS ARE CUTTING SNAP/FOOD STAMPS FOR MILLIONS AFTER GIVING BILLIONAIRES BIG TAX BREAKS

On the heels of passing massive tax cuts for the wealthy and corporations last December, House Republicans now want to cut about \$20 billion from Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, also known as food stamps. SNAP assures adequate nutrition to [40 million people](#), about 1 in 8 Americans. This [fact sheet](#) shows how many people in each state depend on SNAP and the cost, and compares that to the number of wealthy people and the size of their tax cut.

Republicans are now planning to [take food away from 2 million children](#), veterans and people with disabilities after giving a [\\$2 trillion tax cut](#) last year that mostly benefits the rich and corporations.

- Congress should be repealing the Trump-GOP tax cuts for the rich and corporations not taking food away from working families.
- The richest 1% are getting a [tax cut worth \\$70 billion](#) this year due to the Trump-GOP tax law. Meanwhile, Republicans want to [cut \\$20 billion](#) from the SNAP food program.
- The richest 1% are getting a huge tax cut averaging \$48,000 this year. The cost of SNAP benefits per person is tiny by comparison—just \$1,500 on average this year. So, the tax cut for just one wealthy taxpayer could pay for the SNAP benefits for 31 people. [For state-specific data [go here](#)]

The Trump-Republican tax breaks will add \$2 trillion to the national debt. Republicans are using that as an excuse to demand deep cuts to SNAP, Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security and education.

- If we can afford trillions in tax breaks for the wealthy and corporations making record profits, we can afford to make sure children, working families and seniors have food.
- Rather than cutting our safety net, Congress should make sure the rich and corporations pay their fair share of taxes, so we can help struggling families in their time of need.

The GOP has lavished tax cuts on the wealthy and powerful. Now it's trying to take food away from some of the most vulnerable Americans.

- Rather than making sure the [19 million children](#) who rely on SNAP continue to get enough to eat, the GOP gave a huge tax cut to wealthy business owners like President Trump. [[Cost: \\$265 billion](#)]
- Instead of ensuring that the [11 million people with disabilities](#) who rely on SNAP continue to receive three square meals a day, the GOP weakened the estate tax to benefit the super-rich. [[Cost: \\$83 billion](#)]
- Rather than protect some of the [1.5 million veterans](#) who participate in SNAP after serving their country, the GOP gave big corporations massive tax cuts on the profits they unpatriotically stashed offshore in tax havens. [[Cost: \\$400 billion](#)]

Some big corporations getting huge Trump-GOP tax cuts pay their workers so little that many of them receive SNAP, which the GOP now wants to cut.

- Walmart is getting a [tax cut of \\$2.2 billion](#) this year. Yet in Ohio alone, more than 11,000 Walmart workers and family members [make so little](#) they qualify for SNAP. Walmart's ten-year tax cut could pay for the entire \$20 billion in SNAP cuts.
- McDonald's is getting a [tax cut of nearly \\$1 billion](#) a year. Yet, [10,000 of its Ohio employees](#) and their families rely on food stamps.
- American Airlines is getting a tax cut worth [\\$180 million a year](#), yet more than a [quarter of the low-paid workers](#) at one of its regional airlines depends on SNAP or other public assistance to get by.

These proposed benefit cuts to SNAP are just one example of the kind of cuts in vital public services we can expect to see from Republicans after they gave huge tax cuts to the wealthy and corporations.

- The GOP tax cuts blew a nearly [\\$2 trillion hole](#) in the federal budget. To help close that gap, President Trump and Congressional Republicans have proposed cuts to Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, education, food stamps and other services working families rely on.
- The president has proposed more than [\\$200 billion in overall cuts to SNAP](#).
- Trump has proposed eliminating the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and making deep cuts to Medicaid. His cuts of \$675 billion over 10 years would [cost millions of Americans their health care](#).
- Trump's budget plan would eliminate home heating and cooling assistance for 6 million low-income households and would wipe out afterschool programs for 2 million children. His budget would also take rent vouchers away from 200,000 households.
- Trump also wants to cut \$72 billion over the next decade from Social Security disability programs, [despite all his promises](#) not to cut Social Security.

For additional state-by-state SNAP resources, [go here](#).