

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2645

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 17, 2023

Ms. CARAVEO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Agriculture

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## A BILL

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1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2        *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3        **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This Act may be cited as the “Keeping Families Fed  
5        Act of 2023”.

6        **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7        The Congress finds the following:

1           (1) After February 2023 the emergency nutri-  
2           tion assistance benefits provided under the supple-  
3           mental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) au-  
4           thorized by the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008  
5           ended, resulting in a benefit cut for every SNAP re-  
6           cipient household in the 32 States then providing  
7           the emergency benefits.

8           (2) According to the Center on Budget and Pol-  
9           icy Priorities, every recipient household in those  
10          States now receives at least \$95 reduction in SNAP  
11          benefits a month, and some households see reduc-  
12          tions of \$250 a month or more. The average house-  
13          hold receives \$90 a month less in emergency SNAP  
14          benefits.

15          (3) The ending of emergency allotments after  
16          February 2023 was required by an Act enacted in  
17          December 2022 that provided only 2 months for  
18          State agencies that administer SNAP and for SNAP  
19          recipients to prepare for a stark reduction in bene-  
20          fits. More resources and guidance for the end of the  
21          emergency SNAP benefits would have allowed the  
22          State agencies and SNAP recipients to better pre-  
23          pare for a benefit reduction and better prevent the  
24          hunger cliff caused by benefit reductions.

1 **SEC. 3. AMENDMENT.**

2 Section 2302(d) of the Families First Coronavirus  
3 Response Act (7 U.S.C. 2011 note; Public Law 116–127)  
4 is amended by inserting before the period at the end the  
5 following:

6 “, but such authority shall be in effect during the 1-year  
7 period that begins on the date of the enactment of the  
8 Keeping Families Fed Act of 2023”.

9 **SEC. 4. STRATEGY PLAN.**

10 Not later than 60 days after the date of the enact-  
11 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall de-  
12 velop, and submit to the Congress, a strategy plan for  
13 State agencies that administer the supplemental nutrition  
14 assistance program under the Food and Nutrition Act of  
15 2008 to provided resources and guidance for public aware-  
16 ness, and preparation for the end, of the extended emer-  
17 gency program benefits authorized by the amendment  
18 made by section 3.

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