



SNAP4All Call In Toolkit - February 26, 2026

This document provides instructions on an important way you can support SNAP4All in this year's state budget. Phone calls only take a few minutes and go a long way to advancing our campaign goals! Read on for background and instructions.

Background:

SNAP is the nation's most impactful hunger relief program, helping nearly 3 million New Yorkers, including 1 million children, afford food. With significant policy changes to the SNAP program going into effect soon (e.g., ABAWD rules), households are in even more danger of being food insecure.

Hunger in New York State is not inevitable — it is the result of policy choices that disproportionately harms children, seniors, immigrants, refugees, and working families. Without immediate and urgent state action, more and more people will go hungry. Investing in food security reduces long-term health costs, strengthens local economies, supports small businesses, and keeps families healthy. New York needs a comprehensive anti-hunger platform that strengthens core nutrition programs and fills federal gaps, including Double Up Food Bucks, Nourish New York, WIC, and state-funded programs for immigrant New Yorkers.

New federal restrictions have created an urgent situation where immigrant New Yorkers who could previously access SNAP benefits are now [ineligible](#). In addition, we recognize that in order to address child poverty in New York State, we must alleviate hunger for households with children who are not eligible for SNAP because of their immigration status. The SNAP4All NY Coalition has been advocating to Governor Hochul to include a food benefit program for newly ineligible immigrants under H.R.1 and households with children (per NYS's Child Poverty Reduction Advisory Council) excluded from SNAP on the basis of their immigration status. You can read more about the policy and this year's budget proposal in this [report](#) and this [one pager](#).

Budget Process and Updates:

Unfortunately, SNAP4All was not included in the Governor's FY 26-27 Executive Budget proposal when it was released in January. In early February, many of you helped us call legislators to request they sign on to budget letters. Thank you! Things are moving quickly: the

next step in the State Budget process is the release of the Senate and Assembly's "one-house" budget proposals, likely coming out the 2nd week of March. It's very important that we get our SNAP4All budget priority included in one or both of these budget proposals!

INSTRUCTIONS:

On 2/26, preferably in the morning before Legislators leave Albany for the week, please take a few moments to call your local State Assemblymember and State Senator, as well as Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie and Senate Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins. You will ask them to support a \$244 million investment in this year's budget to create a food benefit for excluded New Yorkers - by including the funding in the one-house budget.

NOTE: Use the scripts below, but feel free to adapt. These are quick and easy calls. A staff member in the legislator's office will answer and take your message and they will likely not ask you questions, they will simply take note of your message. If you reach a voicemail, please leave a message. You can look up your program's representatives here: [Senate](#) | [Assembly](#). We recommend calling Albany offices.

ASSEMBLY SAMPLE CALL SCRIPT:

Hello. My name is [YOUR NAME]. I [LIVE/WORK] in Assemblymember [AM NAME]'s district and I'm calling as part of SNAP4ALL, a coalition of over 100 organizations working to extend food benefits for excluded New Yorkers. With high rates of food insecurity in New York and federal threats to our immigrant neighbors, I support a \$244 million investment to provide a food benefit to New Yorkers who lost SNAP access due to federal cuts and immigrant households with children. I'm calling to urge Assemblymember [NAME] to fight to include this food benefit in the Assembly's one-house budget. Please speak up in conference and with the Speaker in support of SNAP4ALL. Thank you for your time!

SENATE SAMPLE CALL SCRIPT:

Hello. My name is [YOUR NAME]. I [LIVE/WORK] in Senator [NAME]'s district, and I'm calling as part of SNAP4ALL, a coalition of over 100 organizations working to extend food benefits for excluded New Yorkers. With high rates of food insecurity in New York and federal threats to our immigrant neighbors, I support a \$244 million investment to provide a food benefit to New Yorkers who lost SNAP access due to federal cuts and immigrant households with children. I'm calling to urge Senator [NAME] to fight to include this food benefit in the Senate's one-house budget. Please speak up in conference and with the Leader in support of SNAP4ALL. Thank you for your time!

**ASSEMBLY SPEAKER CARL HEASTIE CALL SCRIPT:
518-455-3791**

Hello. My name is [YOUR NAME] and I [LIVE/WORK] in [area of New York]. I'm calling as part of SNAP4All, a coalition of over 100 organizations working to extend food benefits for excluded New Yorkers. With high rates of food insecurity in New York and federal threats to our immigrant neighbors, I support a \$244 million investment to provide a food benefit to New Yorkers who lost SNAP access due to federal cuts and immigrant households with children. I'm calling to urge the Speaker to include this food benefit in the Assembly's one-house budget in March. Thank you for your time!

**SENATE MAJORITY LEADER ANDREA STEWART-COUSINS CALL SCRIPT:
(518) 455-2585**

Hello. My name is [YOUR NAME] and I [LIVE/WORK] in [area of New York]. I'm calling as part of SNAP4All, a coalition of over 100 organizations working to extend food benefits for excluded New Yorkers. With high rates of food insecurity in New York and federal threats to our immigrant neighbors, I support a \$244 million investment to provide a food benefit to New Yorkers who lost SNAP access due to federal cuts and immigrant households with children. I'm calling to urge the Majority Leader to include this food benefit in the Senate's one-house budget in March. Thank you for your time!

****If anyone asks for more information,** you can offer to share the [one pager](#) or [report](#) with them. You can also let them know we'd love them to co-sponsor S.9033 (Senators Rivera and Hinchey) or A.6632 (Assemblymember Gonzalez-Rojas), which lays out the full SNAP4All program and vision.