



BILL RECONCILIATION TALKING POINT

IFBA's PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

1. REMOVE STATE COST-SHARING PROVISION

- o Under the new Senate language, Iowa avoids an immediate cost-sharing, but even a slight increase of less than a percent in our error rate would trigger a \$26M penalty
- o The state will absorb a \$13M hit due to shifting more administrative costs to the states
- o This provision will be cost prohibited to most states and will make states choose what services to end

2. IMPLEMENT INITIATIVE TO LOWER SNAP ERROR RATES

- o Use Iowa as an example of the type of collaboration that works between the state and federal government
- o The state partnered with the federal government to tackle our extraordinarily high SNAP error rate to now become one of the lowest. That will create the type of savings all Americans can support

3. KEEP KIDS ON SNAP

- o Children should never be collateral damage in a policy debate
- o We ask Congress to keep the current law for work requirements as it comes to child dependents
- o A parent with a fourth grader still has childcare responsibilities. Labeling them "able-bodied adults without dependents" is disconnected from reality.

4. SAVE SNAP-ED

- a. We share the President and Congress' goal of making our citizens healthy
- b. SNAP-Ed does just that. It operates in every state and partners with community organizations, schools, pantries, and public agencies to improve health outcomes.
- c. The program works: 40% of participants increased eating fruits and vegetables and reduced their consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages
- d. 35% became more active
- e. SNAP-Ed works to Make American Healthy Again

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