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Sean Patrick Maloney
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The Honorable Sonny Perdue
Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Secretary Perdue,

I write today to strongly urge you against implementing the Administration's new rule pertaining to SNAP benefits for Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) set to take effect on April 1, 2020. As you know, this rule will significantly limit the number of individuals qualified for SNAP benefits by significantly heightening work requirements for these individuals -- even during the current public health crisis caused by COVID-19.

An estimated 700,000 individuals -- and nearly 98,000 New York residents -- will lose access to critical food security as a result of this rule. In the face of COVID-19, more Americans are likely to lose benefits as their employers cut hours during this pandemic-induced economic slow down. As their representative in Congress, I must implore you to preserve access for hundreds of thousands of Americans.

Your timely response and action to my request are appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sean Patrick Maloney", with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Sean Patrick Maloney
MEMBER OF CONGRESS