

TOWN OF CARRBORO

NORTH CAROLINA

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The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Slade and duly seconded by Alderman Chaney:

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SNAP AND OTHER FEDERAL NUTRITION PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, North Carolina is the 8th hungriest state in the nation. While average monthly SNAP benefits are nominal, about \$119 per household in North Carolina, the program is vital to helping people access nutritious food. Even with more than 1.5 million North Carolinians (15% of the state's population) relying on SNAP to pay for their groceries, food insecurity still persists across the state. With 1 in 6 people facing the double burden of poverty and food insecurity, SNAP provides a critical safety net for those in need; and,

WHEREAS, SNAP helps the most vulnerable in our state. In North Carolina, SNAP benefits predominantly go to households with children, seniors, or people with disabilities. About half of SNAP recipients are employed yet still struggle to make ends meet. SNAP needs to remain means-tested, and must continue to allow all those who need food benefits to access them; and,

WHEREAS, SNAP participation contributes to improved nutrition and positive long-term health outcomes. SNAP participation for six months can increase food security in a household by up to 10%. In addition, individuals who had access to food stamps in early childhood have a lower risk of obesity, high blood pressure, heart disease, and diabetes as adults. In addition, access to SNAP is associated with increased utilization of preventative care, which can contribute to lower healthcare costs overall. Specifically, a study at the national level found that SNAP participation was associated with a \$1400 reduction per household in yearly healthcare expenditures; and,

WHEREAS, SNAP improves the state's economy. SNAP benefits pumped \$2.2 billion into North Carolina's economy in 2016, and the economic benefits were especially impactful in the agriculture and retail sectors. Research from Moody's Analytics shows that for every dollar spent on SNAP, \$1.70 is put back into the U.S. economy. Furthermore, SNAP kept 338,000 North Carolinians out of poverty, including 150,000 children, each year between 2009 and 2012. SNAP dollars go to supporting grocers, paying workers, and buying goods, all of which leads to economic growth. SNAP allows all families to participate in their local economies and makes our communities stronger; and,

WHEREAS, SNAP is effective and efficient. SNAP's entitlement structure allows the program to expand in times of greater need, such as the 2008 recession, and contract in times of economic prosperity. Furthermore, every penny of monthly

SNAP benefits for North Carolinians comes from the federal government, and the state of North Carolina is only responsible for half of the administrative costs of the program. The SNAP program therefore brings in billion dollars of economic activity for North Carolina, with little input at the state level. SNAP also has one of the most rigorous quality control systems of any public benefit program, which results in low frequency of fraud or abuse, and an error rate of just 2%.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO THAT:

The Town of Carrboro asks Senator Burr, Senator Tillis and Congressman Price to reject any proposals in the 2018 Farm Bill that cut funding to SNAP or other federal nutrition programs; shift costs to the states; or otherwise reduce benefits affecting low-income families, workers, children, the unemployed, or the elderly; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Town of Carrboro thanks Congressman Price for his past support for federal nutrition programs and encourages his continued efforts to protect those programs for the good of the people in his district and the state.

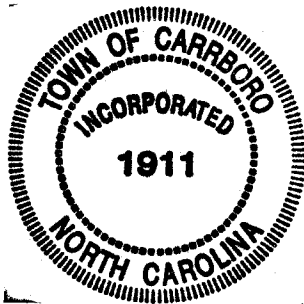
The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote received the following vote and was duly adopted this 23rd day of January 2018:

Ayes: Barbara Foushee, Damon Seils, Sammy Slade, Lydia Lavelle, Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Bethany Chaney

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: Jacquelyn Gist

I, Rebecca Buzzard, Deputy Town Clerk for the Town of Carrboro, NC, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen.



Rebecca Buzzard
Deputy Town Clerk