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Attorney General Steve Marshall Urges Senate to Protect Nutrition Assistance for Millions of Americans

(**Montgomery**, **Ala**) – Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall has joined a letter to U.S. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer urging Congress to take immediate action to prevent disruption of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) amid current federal budget uncertainty.

"Senate Democrats could end this shutdown with a single vote," Attorney General Marshall said. "Instead, Senator Schumer is putting politics ahead of the American people. A government shutdown or lapse in SNAP funding is not an abstract policy debate, it has real consequences for families in our communities. It's past time for Senate Democrats to do the right thing and pass a clean continuing resolution to reopen the federal government. No family should go hungry because of political games in Washington."

The coalition letter, led by Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost and joined by Marshall, urges Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer to pass a clean continuing resolution to restore government operations and ensure that essential services such as SNAP remain uninterrupted.

"If the government shutdown drags on past Halloween, millions of Americans, including 1.4 million in Ohio, will lose access to SNAP," the letter warns. "That means working parents, senior citizens and people with disabilities will be left wondering how to put food on the table while Washington argues."

The attorneys general note that Congress has passed similar clean continuing resolutions 13 times, including once last year, under both Republican and Democratic control, underscoring that doing so is not a political concession but a responsible act of governance.

The letter emphasizes that SNAP is one of the simplest and most effective tools to prevent hunger in America, providing support to more than 41 million people nationwide, including nearly 15.6 million in the 19 states represented by the signatories.

In addition to Alabama, the Ohio led letter was signed by Attorneys General from Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia, and West Virginia.

You can read the <u>full letter here</u>.

