



## **Talking Points: SNAP**

- The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is one of the most powerful tools for fighting hunger in the United States.
- Changing the way SNAP is funded would weaken the program and make it harder for children, seniors, veterans, persons with disabilities, and families to get the support they need.
- Pushing the program's costs onto financially strapped state governments — would force them to make tough choices, including cuts to essential programs like public safety and local schools or raising state taxes.
- 75,100 people in South Dakota received SNAP benefits in federal Fiscal Year 2024.
- If states were required to cover 10% of SNAP benefits starting next year, South Dakota would have to pay \$18 million in state tax dollars.
- Any reduction in food assistance – particularly when grocery prices remain high – will lead to more families facing hunger.
- For every 1 meal food banks provide, SNAP provides 9.