

February 6, 2026

Dear Governor Lamont,

We, the undersigned, write to urge you to take immediate steps, as authorized by the legislature, to restore affordable health coverage to 5,300 people who lost it January 1 due to federal budget cuts, and to ensure individuals, families and children in Connecticut do not go hungry.

HR1 triggered the loss of affordable health insurance coverage for 5,300 Lawfully Present Immigrants (LPIs). It also includes many other changes and cuts, including burdensome and unnecessary work requirements for Medicaid and for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Connecticut's leadership recognized the need to mitigate the damage triggered by HR1 in authorizing up to \$500 million be allocated for these urgent needs. We are encouraged by recent actions and statements, including mitigating the impact of these cuts to cover and implement subsidies for Access Health CT coverage for the many thousands of people losing healthcare due to expiring tax credits.

Still, 5,300 people are now without affordable healthcare due to HR1, and some 36,000 residents are at risk of losing access to food.

We urge you to commit emergency funds immediately to:

- Restore affordable coverage to 5,300 Lawfully Present Immigrants; and
- Address the hunger crisis to ensure continued SNAP coverages caused by SNAP cuts by establishing a state-funded food assistance program for Connecticut residents who lose food benefits.

Failure to act will result in higher health care costs and diminished healthcare system functioning, as people delay care, use emergency rooms for treatment, and suffer diminished health due to lack of nutritious food.

The moment is urgent. Measles are once again an issue for our communities. As our federal healthcare system crumbles, it is ever more urgent that we step up as a state to protect our people and ensure public health and to make sure no child or person goes hungry.

We look forward to your response.

Signed,

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