

Florida Impact Applauds Senator Bill Nelson for Protecting Food Assistance

Senator Nelson Joined Letter Supporting Full Funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in Farm Bill

Tallahassee – May 6, 2013 – Florida Impact praises Senator Bill Nelson for signing a letter supporting full funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in the upcoming Farm Bill.

“We applaud the leadership of Senator Nelson in recognizing the importance of SNAP to struggling Floridians and urging their fellow Senators to make no cuts to SNAP in any Farm Bill negotiations,” said Debra Susie, executive director of Florida Impact. “With the economy slowly recovering, SNAP is the first line of defense for households struggling to put food on the table. Any cut to SNAP would remove food from the refrigerator, harming our most vulnerable populations, including children, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and low-wage earners.”

According to a recent report by the Food Research and Action Center, more than one in five households in Florida reported inability to afford enough food in 2012.

“In addition to providing temporary support to guard against hunger in times of need, every SNAP dollar spent generates an estimated \$1.79 in local economic activity. Cutting SNAP simply doesn’t make sense, and would have a detrimental effect to individuals and businesses in Florida and across the country,” said Susie.

In his federal budget released in April, President Barack Obama also protected SNAP and proposed to further strengthen federal nutrition programs