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### **The Hot Foods Act**

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The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) contains an outdated provision that limits SNAP purchases to foods designed for take-home preparation and consumption, or cold prepared foods. The bipartisan Hot Foods Act would remove this prohibition allowing families to use SNAP benefits to purchase hot foods such as prepared rotisserie chickens, hot sandwiches, and soups.

Of the more than 42 million SNAP participants, almost 70 percent of participants are children, elderly, or those with disabilities. The ability to purchase hot foods or hot foods ready for immediate consumption would provide enormous flexibility to those who rely on this program to supplement their nutrition and dietary needs.

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