



March 27, 2021

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader McCarthy:

We write to express our strong support for the bipartisan Revitalize and Expand SNAP Education and Training for America's Future Act, or [RESET For America's Future Act](#), introduced by Representatives Abigail Spanberger (D-VA) and Fred Upton (R-MI), and to call for the swift passage of the legislation.

As you know, the Supplemental Nutrition and Assistance Employment and Training (SNAP E&T) program serves hundreds of thousands of Americans working to achieve economic stability. And yet many more millions in this country live in poverty, many of them food insecure, and depend on SNAP to survive. The relatively modest reach of SNAP E&T within this broader population reflects the reality that too often the program is siloed, not well coordinated with other workforce programs, and unwieldy as a tool to fund effective, evidence-based services. Formidable match requirements substantially limit the program's reach, a problem that the current economic downturn has exacerbated. And under current rules, the moment an approach helps someone move into a job with a living wage, that individual loses eligibility, and cannot continue to be served by the very approach that is working.

The RESET For America's Future Act includes a number of common-sense improvements to SNAP E&T to strengthen the program, making it more effective, more inclusive, and more equitable. The bill creates an option for state and local governments to draw down SNAP E&T dollars with no match requirements, provided funding goes to evidence-based or outcome-oriented programs and services that increase participant earnings. The bill also helps better coordinate and align the program with other federal job-training programs, fully fund supportive services (such as transportation, or other expenses) associated with these types of effective programs, fund the associated costs necessary to rigorously track these program outcomes, and ensure participants benefitting from these effective programs are not penalized when the programs work. The bill does not create any new reporting or compliance requirements for communities; rather, it gives communities the option to opt-in to a framework that is more data-driven, more outcome-oriented, and better funded.

If Congress passes the RESET For America's Future Act, many more Americans served by this program could achieve economic security. We hope that you will prioritize this thoughtful, strategic set of reforms. We stand ready to help advocate for the bill to move forward. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

**Organizations:**

Aliento Education Fund  
Alternative Staffing Alliance  
America Forward  
AppleTree Institute for Education and Innovation  
Bridgeways  
Center for Employment Opportunities  
Chrysalis  
Citizen Schools  
Coalfield Development Corporation  
College Forward  
Colorado Evaluation and Action Lab  
COVID-19 Eviction Defense Project  
Diverse Charter Schools Coalition  
Economic Mobility Corporation  
Empowerment Plan  
FareStart  
Goodwill Industries International  
Goodwill of Silicon Valley  
GreenLight Fund  
Hopeworks Camden  
Institute For Child Success  
Jobs for the Future (JFF)  
Juma Ventures  
JVS Boston  
LIFT  
Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)  
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New Profit  
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Social Finance  
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Social Innovation Research Center  
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