

The National Grocers Association (NGA) represents 21,000 independent community grocers and wholesalers across the United States. Independent community grocers account for 33 percent of all grocery sales, exceeding \$250 billion, and more than 1 million American jobs.

Main Street Grocer Core Values

- ✦ No American should go hungry.
- ✦ Healthy food should be accessible.
- ✦ SNAP has a positive economic impact on communities and improves health.
- ✦ Federal food policy should never favor Wall Street over Main Street.

Protect Retailers from Burdensome Fees and Regulations

- ✦ **Permanently prohibit swipe fees** on SNAP EBT transactions (H.R. 4158).
- ✦ **Modernize the EBT system** to reduce skimming and stop bad actors (S. 3949/H.R.7658).
- ✦ **Fund the SNAP EBT Modernization Technical Assistance Center** through 2032.
- ✦ **Oppose shopping surveillance** to protect proprietary business data.
- ✦ **Make SNAP online permanent**, streamline processes, and treat retailers fairly (H.R. 7469).

Help Families Make Healthier Choices

- ✦ **Expand nutrition incentives** by streamlining access through states and EBT cards (H.R. 7571).
 - Increase the percentage of funding going to nutritious purchases.
 - Allow only one organization or institution to run the program in each state.
- ✦ **Provide mandatory funding for the Healthy Food Financing Initiative** (S. 2103/H.R. 3506).
- ✦ **Provide nutrition education to SNAP participants** in grocery stores.

Ensure Access to SNAP in Full-Service Grocery Stores

- ✦ **Ensure SNAP participants have flexibility** to meet their nutritional needs.
- ✦ **Oppose major program changes** like harvest boxes and block grants.
- ✦ **Expand SNAP access for Puerto Rico** by shifting away from a block grant (S. 3958/H.R. 5168).

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