

Food Banks See Spike in Need as Government Shutdown Leaves 42 Million Worried About Next Meal

The second-longest government shutdown in U.S. history has millions of Americans worried about how they're going to feed their families. Senators returned to Capitol Hill on Monday, but so far, there are no signs of a truce.

Funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, known as SNAP, is set to run dry on Saturday, cutting off food assistance for some 42 million Americans enrolled in the program. That's more than 12 percent of the U.S. population.

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As the deadline approaches, food pantries are seeing a surge in demand.

Beth White of the Central Christian Church Food Pantry in downtown Indianapolis said, "We usually serve between 45 and 50 households, which is about 200 people. Today, we're at number 76, and we're still receiving people."

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In Arizona, resident Sherry Wood argued, "There's no reason

why the strongest country in the world, as we claim, is letting our people starve.”

The Department of Agriculture, which oversees SNAP, appeared willing to use emergency funds as a short-term solution, but then backtracked saying Congress would have to take action.

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Speaker of the House Mike Johnson (R-LA) explained, “There has to be a pre-existing appropriation for the contingency fund to be used.”

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