

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

December 22, 2023

The Honorable Ron DeSantis
State of Florida, The Capitol
400 South Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor DeSantis,

We write to urge the state to apply for the federal Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Program before the January 1, 2024 deadline.

For many working and low-income families, the only nutritious meal a child receives is at school. Unfortunately, during the summer when school is out, children are missing out on the opportunity of a healthy meal.

In an effort to combat child hunger, the Summer EBT program was created as a pilot program and fully authorized by Congress in December 2022 due to its overwhelming success. This program supplements regular food assistance during the summer months to help families afford the extra groceries to ensure their children have the food they need while out of school.

Florida would be set to receive \$248 million for this program, helping to feed around two million children across the state next summer, however the state has yet to taken any action to apply for these funds.

Therefore, we urge you to apply for these funds before the deadline to ensure the children of our state don't go hungry next summer.

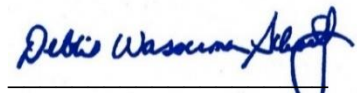
Sincerely,



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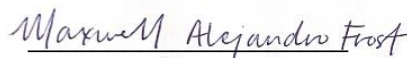
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