

We are excited to share the news that Governor Rauner has decided to request a statewide waiver of the SNAP time limit for 2017. This will protect SNAP benefits for over 200,000 men and women and provide time for the State to responsibly implement the time limit when Illinois no longer qualifies for a statewide waiver.

You can read more about the decision here, including mention of the sign-on letter many of you supported:

<http://chicago.suntimes.com/politics/brown-rauner-averts-food-stamp-cutoff/>

As it is unlikely that Illinois will qualify for a statewide waiver in 2018, we plan to continue to advocate with the administration around implementation and encourage folks to stay engaged on the issue in the coming year. It is a complicated policy that requires months of planning.

Thank you for signing-on to the letter, lifting up this issue with your contacts, and taking action to protect SNAP for these men and women.

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