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If reducing poverty is the goal, the Farm Bill's work requirements miss the mark

Work requirements [won't lift people out of poverty](#) or connect them to family supporting jobs. They're often counterproductive, because they encourage people to take low-wage jobs rather than building skills and credentials that can help them compete in today's economy. Work requirements don't help meet businesses' critical need for skilled workers. And, they create red tape for community colleges that need flexibility to train people for jobs in our rapidly changing economy.



Rather than imposing work requirements, we should strengthen workers' access to education and training aligned with the needs of local and regional employers. In this way, workers can build the skills they need to earn family sustaining incomes and businesses can hire workers with the right skills.

[That's why Congress's new bill to reauthorize SNAP is so disappointing.](#) While it does take one step in the right direction by providing more money for SNAP E&T, coupling it with draconian and outdated work requirements undermines the goal of lifting people out of poverty. Stay tuned for NSC's full analysis of the bill tomorrow.

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