

Tell Congress not to cut food stamp program

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I was pleased to see The Star highlight the crucial issue of hunger in our city. Thanks to David Miner (“Congress shouldn’t listen to myths about food stamps,” June 17) for setting readers straight about the myths associated with food stamps (SNAP).

It’s very disheartening that Congress is working to cut benefits to those who are most vulnerable in our society. The farm bill proposal that was defeated in the House on Thursday would have cut \$20 billion from SNAP over 10 years. The food pantry where I volunteer and the church I belong to do great work for the hungry, but all the charities and churches in America cannot make up this huge difference. If we care about our children, we should insist that Congress not make debilitating cuts that will hurt our children, our city and our nation.

Government can’t and shouldn’t do it alone, but we need leadership and resources to solve the hunger problem. The Indy Hunger Network is working to eradicate hunger in Indianapolis by 2015. This will not happen if Congress slashes benefits for the poor and hungry. Everyone cares about our children but few make their voices heard. Hunger is a moral issue that we can no longer be silent about. Last week I lobbied with other Bread for the World members in Washington. Leaders heard our message, but I’m not sure they got our message. Please call Sens. Dan Coats and Joe Donnelly. Call the representative for your district. Make your voice heard. Say, I care.

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