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Dear Colleague:

Recently we introduced "The Food Stamp Reform Act of 1975", S. 2451, a bill which fundamentally restructures the Nation's Food Stamp Program to make it more responsive to both food stamp recipients and taxpayers.


The major provisions of our bill would:

- Establish a mandatory standard deduction of \$125, replacing the cumbersome system of itemized deductions which allowed many non-needy households to participate in the food stamp program. This provision establishes a maximum allowable after tax income for a four-person household of \$7,776.
- Eliminate automatic eligibility for welfare recipients, resulting in a savings of approximately \$120 million.
- Eliminate the purchase requirement, thus allowing recipients to receive the same amount of government support without a cash transaction.
- Prohibit participation by students who are tax dependents on ineligible households.

We anticipate that by establishing maximum income limits, reducing administrative expenditures, eliminating many of the errors which plague the program, and cutting out non-needy households, we will save the taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars each year. Moreover, this can be accomplished without curtailing assistance to those low income persons who are the intended beneficiaries of the Food Stamp Program.

We are enclosing a copy of our introductory remarks which includes a section-by-section analysis of the bill. If you would like to join us in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Kim Wells in Senator Dole's office (Ext. 4-6521) or Marshall Matz in Senator McGovern's office (Ext. 4-7326).

Sincerely,

  
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U. S. Senate

  
GEORGE MCGOVERN  
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