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The Honorable Kathy Hochul  
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Governor Hochul,

I write regarding the significant proposed costs facing not only residents of Senate District 39, but New Yorkers across the state as a result of federal cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). I ask that your administration provide more support for SNAP in the upcoming State Budget.

With counties and local communities asked to shoulder some of this financial burden, I am deeply concerned these costs could ultimately be passed on to New Yorkers through higher property taxes or cuts to other essential services. At a time when hard-working families are already struggling with high costs of energy, food, housing and other everyday necessities, they simply cannot afford another increase in their cost of living.

I strongly disagree with these federal cuts and support a restoration of federal funding - SNAP is a critical lifeline for New Yorkers. Borrowing the words of my constituent and friend Renee Fillette, executive director of Dutchess Outreach, I too believe that food is not charity; it is a human right.

Beginning this October, changes to federal SNAP are expected to result in over \$168 million in additional annual administrative costs for New York, and beginning in October 2027, New York could face an estimated \$1.1 billion in costs associated with the State's share of SNAP benefits. New York State is better able to plan for and absorb at least some of these costs than individual county governments. Without additional state support, counties could be left with difficult choices, and New York must prepare for the costs coming our way to ensure they do not get passed along to local taxpayers.

I respectfully ask that your Executive Budget recognize this growing responsibility and provide counties with greater support to protect residents who rely on SNAP and the taxpayers who fund our local governments.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to working with you on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rob Rolison".

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