

Within this category are able bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs)

These people are disconnected from employment compared to other SNAP participants as 56% have no other reported income sources than SNAP.

The average benefit per recipient is \$118 and per case is \$245.

Race/ethnicity demographics of SNAP cases are 59% white, 24% black, 7% Asian, 4% Hispanic, 4% American Indian with multiple races comprising the rest.

That is a very brief overview of the SNAP population in MN. The data being used today comes from the Characteristics of People and Cases on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in December 2012 as well as the Family Self-Sufficiency Report. Both of these reports are available on the DHS public website.

The biggest impact on SNAP recipients in MN would come from the proposed restriction in the House bill on the state ability to use categorical eligibility.

Broad based categorical eligibility is a policy that makes most households categorically eligible for SNAP because they qualify for a non-cash TANF funded benefit. This allows states to raise the income limit up to a maximum of 200% Federal Poverty Guideline (FPG) and raise or eliminate the asset limit.

The MN legislature passed a bill effective Nov., 2010 allowing expansion of broad based categorical eligibility to all SNAP cases by increasing the income standard from 130% to 165% of FPG and eliminating the asset limit.

Sec. 4005 of the House bill would remove this state option.

DHS estimates that 6.4% of the caseload or 16,700 cases with over 32,000 people would be made ineligible because their income is above 130% FPG yet below 165% FPG. Of these cases, over 8,000 are family cases that will be ineligible due to over income. The children on these cases would no longer be automatically eligible for free or reduced school lunch.

DHS no longer collects asset information for SNAP. Therefore, we do not have data on the number of cases that would be ineligible due to being over the asset limit.

The House bill provides a permanent reduction in funding for SNAP-Ed. This proposed cut comes on the heels of the program's fiscal year 2013 budget cut of 28 percent that was included in the fiscal cliff agreement, resulting in decreased program activity.

Minnesota's share of SNAP-Ed has been approximately 2.5% of the federal allocation.

Minnesota's current allocation for SNAP-Ed is about \$7,000,000 (cut included).

Further cuts will impact the reach and impact that SNAP-Ed has on Minnesota's population in poverty.

SNAP-Ed is delivered by community nutrition educators from the University of Minnesota Extension Service and Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. They use evidence-based, behaviorally-focused curriculum to help Minnesotans with limited financial resources stretch food dollars and make healthy choices.

In FY 2012, the U of M Extension offered SNAP-Ed programming in 84 of 87 counties directly serving approximately 65,000 persons (unduplicated).

In FY 2012, the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe offered SNAP-Ed programming on six reservations (Bois Forte, Fond du Lac, Grand Portage, Leech Lake, Mille Lacs, and White Earth) directly serving 6,778 persons (unduplicated).

U of M Extension program evaluation outcomes point to positive SNAP-Ed results. Over half of SNAP-Ed participants engaged in healthy eating and physical activity behaviors by the final course session. In addition, participants indicated an average of

greater than 1/3 cup increased intake of both fruits and vegetables per day over the span of a course.

These are the two major provisions that will have the greatest impact on low income Minnesotans on SNAP if these cuts are adopted.

Thank you for your time.

TESTIMONY SUBMITTED BY PATRICIA LULL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SAINT PAUL AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Thank you for this opportunity to address the difference that SNAP benefits make in our community.

I serve as Executive Director of the Saint Paul Area Council of Churches, a non-profit representing 125 local communities of faith. We come from Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Unitarian, and Quaker backgrounds but every one of our faith traditions agrees with this conviction—No more hungry neighbors!

I am here to say that as a person of faith and a citizen. No more hungry neighbors! In recent years we have made great strides in addressing domestic hunger and SNAP has been an important part of what we have done well as a country. It serves our most vulnerable neighbors—children, seniors, and working families. It serves them in a way that supports local economies (grocery stores and farmers markets) and energizes our children to succeed in school and in life.

While it is important to balance our federal budget, cutting SNAP benefits to our most vulnerable neighbors should be the last option we exercise. The proposed cuts will negatively impact all of us who work with families in poverty. Let me illustrate that.

The Saint Paul Area Council of Churches hosts an emergency food shelf for the American Indian community in Ramsey County. We provide food to 500 individuals a month—enough for 6,000 meals. Use of our food shelf has increased by 30% since last August. More families. More need. More demand on us to do what all of us as citizens are asked to do—provide for those who are most at risk.

Some of our food shelf participants are also volunteers. A couple of months ago, Larry and I worked side-by-side unloading a delivery from Second Harvest, our food bank. Larry is a father and grand-father. He is also a hard worker, carrying in three times as many boxes as I did. When the truck was unloaded and all the food was put away, I thanked him for all he had done. Larry looked me squarely in the eye, pointed to his heart, and said—I do this for the community.

Those who receive SNAP benefits—and those who will be excluded from benefits if cuts are made—they are our community, too. On behalf of them I say, No more hungry neighbors!

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AURORA COLONY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HON. KURT SCHRADER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2013

Mr. SCHRADER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Aurora Colony Historical Society on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. The Aurora Colony Historical Society, through its wonderful Old Aurora Colony Museum, has dedicated itself to preserving the memory, architecture, and treasures of Oregon's unique Aurora Colony since 1963.

The Aurora Colony's unique history pre-dates Oregon's statehood. This communal Christian society was established in 1856 by a

group of German and Swiss followers of Dr. Wilhelm Keil. Dr. Keil's vision of a utopian society produced this bustling community that became well known for its craftsman built furniture, fine textiles, and Old World traditions.

54 families and nearly 600 people would eventually live and work communally to support the Aurora Colony. The agricultural skills and manufacturing prowess of the colonists allowed the colony to flourish for nearly 30 years on the banks of Oregon's Pudding River. The community of Aurora still bears the name of Dr. Keil's oldest daughter today.

Descendants of the Aurora Colonists organized a celebration in 1956 to mark the Colony's centennial and to celebrate the community's uncommon history. From this celebration came a desire to preserve the history of the Colony and its remaining artifacts and architecture. The Aurora Colony Historical Society was founded in 1963 and set out on a mission of preservation that survives today—50 years later.

Today the Aurora Colony Historical Society's Old Aurora Colony Museum welcomes tourists, students, researchers, and others to explore its extensive grounds and exhibits. The complex of five preserved buildings offers revolving exhibits, Colony artifacts, and a historical archive of residents' letters and other written documents. The Old Aurora Colony Museum has become an invaluable resource in preserving an important period in Oregon's history. Indeed, Oregon's history books and today's Aurora would both be incomplete were it not for the essential work of the Aurora Colony Historical Society.

With a strong sense of its history and an eye toward the future, I am confident that the Aurora Colony Historical society will continue to thrive for at least another 50 years.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to be the representative of the fine community of Aurora, Oregon. I congratulate the Aurora Colony Historical Society on its 50th anniversary, and I look forward to sharing in the celebration.

HONORING THOMAS DOUGLAS,
MISSOURI SMALL BUSINESS
PERSON OF 2013

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Thomas H. Douglas, the Missouri Small Business Person of 2013.

Thomas is the current President and CEO of JMARK Business Solutions, Inc. JMARK has made its name by providing outstanding technology consulting services for small to medium sized businesses looking to streamline IT operations to enhance employee performance and increase customer satisfaction.

Founded in 1988, JMARK started as a small computer company in Cabool, and is now headquartered in Springfield, Missouri. In 1997, Thomas joined the company after serving in the US Navy. The leadership skills he developed in the Navy ensured a quick rise as the company's level one engineer to president and majority owner in 1999.

Under Thomas' guidance, JMARK has seen tremendous growth combining an incredible customer-friendly business philosophy with a

full array of support services. He has taken JMARK from a small team of experts in a single office to a group of over 60 employees with offices in three states.

As a leader of one our nation's successful small businesses, I am honored to recognize Thomas for his outstanding service to JMARK Business Solutions and the community. The leadership, innovation, customer service, and hard work exemplified by Thomas is properly recognized through this exceptional award. It is an honor to recognize Thomas H. Douglas as the Missouri Small Business Person of 2013.

HONORING LIFE AND SERVICE OF
KEVIN WOYJECK

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2013

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and service of a young man who lost his life battling the recent wildfires in Arizona. Kevin Woyjeck was a member of the Granite Mountain Hotshot Squad of Prescott, Arizona, whose life was tragically lost along with 18 of his colleagues while fighting to protect those in danger from this blaze. He, and his entire squad, bravely put their lives at risk, and all but one paid the ultimate price.

Kevin, the son of Captain Joe Woyjeck of the Los Angeles County Fire Station, was only 21 years old when he lost his life. Growing up in Southern California, he was passionate about one day becoming a professional firefighter, a dream realized by serving as a member of such an elite squad. He and his colleagues trained hard to be the first line of defense against dangerous fires, and during the recent blazes they fought in brutal conditions to stop the advancement and destruction of the wildfire. For days they fought to contain the flames, but on Sunday, June 30, the fire surrounded them and proved impossible to escape.

We recognize the lives and bravery of Kevin and his team. Our hearts and thoughts go out to his family and all those affected by the loss of these brave men. We know that while they are no longer with us, their work and courage will never be forgotten.

Kevin's life was taken too soon, but he made his family and his country proud. He accomplished so much in his 21 years, and we will always remember his sacrifice.

GARRETT METSCHER REPUBLIC
HIGH SCHOOL HIGH JUMP STATE
CHAMPION

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Republic High School's Garrett Metscher for winning the high jump at the 2013 Class 4 State Track and Field Championships.

Through his hard work and dedication, Garrett placed first in the high jump with a new

school record of 6'7½". Throughout the season, he dominated the field and his effort resulted in the event's top seed heading into the state championship. In the state championship event, Garrett did not disappoint, besting the 15-man field and taking the title.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Garrett Metscher, winner of the high jump at the Missouri Class 4 State Track and Field Championships.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
MAJOR GENERAL RAYMOND F.
REES

HON. KURT SCHRADER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2013

Mr. SCHRADER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of the Adjutant General for the State of Oregon, Major General Raymond F. Rees, for his steadfast service to this Nation. On Saturday, July 13, 2013 Major General Rees will conclude over 50 years of dedicated service to the United States of America.

General Rees began his career as a West Point Cadet in 1962. Prior to his current assignment as the longest serving wartime Adjutant General in Oregon history, Major General Rees had numerous active duty and Army National Guard assignments to include: service in the Republic of Vietnam as a cavalry troop commander; commander of the 116th Armored Cavalry Regiment; nearly nine years as the Adjutant General of Oregon; Director of the Army National Guard, National Guard Bureau; over five years service as Vice Chief, National Guard Bureau; 14 months as Acting Chief, National Guard Bureau; Chief of Staff (dual-hatted), Headquarters North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and United States Northern Command (USNORTHCOM). NORAD is a binational, Canada and United States command.

Major General Rees has demonstrated a level of competence, confidence, courage and commitment to the State of Oregon and the United States of America that bring great credit upon himself, the Oregon National Guard and the United States Army. We in Congress express our gratitude to a great American warrior and wish the General and his wife Mary Len a happy and well-earned retirement to their ranch in Helix, Oregon.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2013

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today regarding one missed vote on July 9, 2013. Had I been present for rollcall 316, on the amendment offered by Mr. COHEN of Tennessee to H.R. 2609, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes, I would have voted "nay."

HONORING CHRIS LAHM'S 500TH
CAREER VICTORY

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ozark Christian College Men's Basketball Coach Chris Lahm on his 500th career victory.

Chris achieved his 500th win after a 78–68 victory over Hillsdale Baptist in the Association of Christian College Athletics Tournament 3rd place game. Not only did Chris lead his team to 3rd place in this tournament, Chris and his team finished another tremendous season with a 3rd place finish in the 2013 National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) Division II National Tournament, as well. With these accomplishments, Chris was named the 2013 NCCAA Division II Southwest Regional Basketball Coach of the Year.

Chris' 27-year career as head basketball coach at both Nebraska Christian College and Ozark Christian College translates to thousands of hours of practice, games, and travel in addition to the hundreds of players he has helped throughout his time serving as head coach and mentor.

Through his hard work and dedication, Chris has left a positive impact at Ozark Christian College and the community. Chris should be proud of his accomplishments in recruiting, coaching, and guiding a phenomenal group of young men throughout the past 27 years. I commend him on a job well done.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ozark Christian College Men's Basketball Coach Chris Lahm on his 500th career victory.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, July 11, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 15

3 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine strategic sourcing, focusing on leveraging the