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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. FIGURES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Save SNAP Act of
5 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. BENEFIT COST SHIFT FAIRNESS.**

2 Section 4(a) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
3 (7 U.S.C. 2013(a)) is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (3) by striking “The Sec-
5 retary” by inserting the following:

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”, and

7 (2) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(B) HARDSHIP EXCEPTION.—Notwith-
9 standing subparagraph (A), if a State cannot
10 pay the applicable State cost share in para-
11 graph (2)(B) (i) for any reason—

12 “(i) the Secretary shall pay for the
13 full cost of an allotment described in para-
14 graph (1) for any fiscal year; and

15 “(ii) paragraph (2) shall not apply
16 with respect to such State for such fiscal
17 year.”.

18 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

19 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall
20 take effect on October 1, 2026.