Proposed House Bill Summary

The House Bill for FY 2024 provides $17.5 billion in funding - a $9 billion cut from FY 2023 and the lowest funding level since 2007. Specifically...

The House bill slashes WIC funding by $800 million.

- The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities estimates that up to 750k eligible people - primarily toddlers, preschoolers, and postpartum adults - would be turned away from the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) if this bill prevails.
- Another 4.6 Million beneficiaries would have their benefits severely cut.
- The proposed bill would also reduce access to fruits and vegetables for WIC beneficiaries.

The House bill decreases mandatory funding for SNAP by $32 Million.

- Women and children especially rely on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Women are 63% more likely to rely on SNAP benefits.
- One third (33%) of all SNAP recipients are aging women of color.

Proposed Senate Bill Summary

The Senate Bill for FY 2024 provides $25.993 billion in funding and includes increases for key food, drug, and nutrition initiatives. Specifically...

The Senate bill increases WIC funding by $615 million.

- This is good news, but it is not enough. Even with this increase, up to 800k eligible postpartum people and young children will be turned away from WIC.
- However, those currently enrolled in WIC will recieve their full benefits and do not have to fear severe cuts.
- WIC contributes to food security, healthier births, nutritious diets, and academic achievement. WIC needs an additional $7.3 million in funding to meet the current needs of the population.

The Senate bill increases FDA funding by $20 million.

- $7 million of this would go to increasing safety and oversight of cosmetics for the first time ever.
- This is a huge victory for women's health, because toxic cosmetics in products like hair straighteners have been proven to cause cancer and fibroids.