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US Government Shutdown to Impact 3.5 Million Texans on Food Stamps *Sen. Miles calls on TX leadership to make emergency preparations to help Texans receiving SNAP benefits*

The US federal government shutdown will impact more than 3.5 million Texans receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits after February 2019.

"While the shutdown is already hurting Texans all across our state, it's about to hit the poorest in our communities," said Senator Borris L. Miles. "After February 2019, SNAP beneficiaries will no longer receive the necessary funds to purchase food. This is unacceptable!"

"I am calling on the Texas leadership to make emergency preparations to help Texans on food stamps and other programs impacted by the shutdown. I am prepared to roll up my sleeves and work with my colleagues to ensure we fund these programs adequately so that no Texan should go hungry," said Senator Miles.

In addition, Senator Miles proposes a joint letter to President Donald Trump, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to make it clear that Texas is prepared to help those impacted in our state and expects to be reimbursed when the federal government reopens.

"This is not a Democratic or Republican issue, or a rural, urban or suburban issue; it's a poor people issue. We need to do the right thing, help the poorest in our communities and minimize the impact of this shutdown," said Senator Miles.

SNAP offers nutrition assistance to millions of eligible, low-income individuals and families and provides economic benefits to communities. SNAP is the largest program in the domestic hunger safety net. According to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, there are currently 3,580,375 people receiving SNAP benefits as of December 2018.

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