

# NCJW Vote Recommendation on Substitute to HR 1

**To: All Senate Chiefs and LDs**

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**Subject: NCJW Urges the Senate to Vote NO on the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to HR 1**

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Dear Colleague,

I am reaching out on behalf of the 250,000 National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) advocates across the country to express deep concern and strong opposition to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to HR 1, the Senate budget reconciliation package. This bill would make significant cuts to vital programs like Medicaid and federal nutrition assistance, harming millions of women, children, and families. We urge all senators to vote NO.

This bill would gut essential health care and nutrition assistance programs — lifelines that ensure basic dignity for millions of people across the country. It would impose punitive work-reporting requirements that are proven to reduce access to benefits without increasing employment. These changes would especially harm veterans, people experiencing homelessness, stay-at-home parents, young adults aging out of foster care, and immigrants living lawfully in the United States — including refugees, asylees, and survivors of violence and trafficking.

The moral test of a nation is how it treats its most vulnerable. This Senate bill fails that test by: cutting food assistance for millions and potentially forcing some states to end their SNAP programs entirely; stripping health care from more than 17 million people while raising costs for many more, targeting lawful immigrants; removing access to essential supports like Medicaid, CHIP, Medicare, and SNAP; and so much more.

It is our government's moral responsibility to care for those most in need. I urge you to reject this dangerous bill that would deprive millions across the country of health care and food security, and instead negotiate a budget that gives every individual and family the chance not just to survive, but to thrive. NCJW urges you to vote NO on the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to HR 1.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

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