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Dear Pantry Partners,

We want to make you aware that due to the ongoing federal government shutdown, November SNAP benefits will not be issued at this time. Indiana FSSA has confirmed that no benefits will be released until the shutdown is resolved.

For context, SNAP benefits are typically distributed in Indiana between the 5th and 23rd of each month (on odd dates, based on last name).

We know this news may bring additional challenges for food pantries and the neighbors you serve. Please know that Indy Hunger Network is here to help in any way we can, whether that's sharing updates, identifying resources, or simply being a sounding board as you navigate these changes.

Your continued commitment and compassion make a real difference in keeping our communities supported during uncertain times. Thank you for all you and your volunteers do every day.

We also encourage you to promote and use <u>Community Compass</u>, Indy Hunger Network's free, multi-platform digital tool that helps individuals find food resources and assistance programs nearby. It can be a helpful way for clients to locate support during this period of uncertainty. If your pantry would like to request Community Compass materials to distribute, you can do so <u>HERE</u>.

If your pantry is looking for ways to get more involved or to connect with IHN programs, please don't hesitate to reach out. I'm happy to connect you with the right staff member who can assist.

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