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City Clerk, South Bend, IN

Dear South Bend Common Council,

Black Lives Matter South Bend and former 2nd District South Bend Common Council Member Henry Davis, Jr. submit this letter for the record, calling on the South Bend Common Council and its Personnel and Finance Committee to support Resolution Bill No. 25-47.

This Resolution acknowledges the impact of the Federal Government Shutdown on SNAP recipients and calls for a public hearing on emergency measures to support food insecure residents.

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) has stated that Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits will be delayed for at least one week. Only partial funding is expected at 50% of the normal amount Indiana recipients receive. The Trump Administration is compelling states to not move forward with distributing the funds. There still must be either a stopgap / Continuing Resolution or an Appropriations bill passed by the U.S. House, the U.S. Senate, and signed by the President in order to fully fund the government.

Meanwhile, the City of South Bend has only committed approximately \$70,000 in City operated funds — which equals only around \$3.50 per SNAP recipient. It is not credible to say South Bend has declared a “food emergency” while only offering \$3.50 in relief per recipient. At the exact same time, the South Bend Common Council routinely passes multi-million-dollar development subsidies for housing projects and economic development deals that most residents cannot afford.

Finally, the City contributed approximately \$60 million for development associated with Beacon Health Systems. Near the time that subsidy was passed, Beacon Health Systems publicly announced it would no longer accept Medicaid patients.

In South Bend and our nation today, large institutions are abandoning the poor or working class. One of the few remaining democratic institutions designed to defend residents is the South Bend Common Council.

At this moment, the City of South Bend is sitting on approximately \$12 million in the Rainy Day Fund and over \$80 million in the General Fund. These reserves represent our collective tax dollars, and in an emergency such as this, they must be leveraged to feed our residents.

Sincerely,

Black Lives Matter South Bend

Henry Davis, Jr., Former 2nd District South Bend Common Council Member

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Local Residents Supporting Bill No. 25-47

First Name	Last Name
Jorden	Giger
Olivier	Morel
Jahliya	Giger
Jorge	Lopez
Whitney	James
Sharon	Holston
Kay	Westhues
Ann	McCallum
Traci	Winston
Cassidy	Fowler
Linda	Raven
Robert	Malone
Alma	Powell
Charnelle	Jones
Aster	Lanc
Ellen	Schott
Olivia	Hayes
Peter	Loutzenhiser
Andrea	Scott
Jennifer	Marisch
Indi	Jackson
Chelsea	Moffat
Jessycka	Smith

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Troy	Moss
Carlie	McGregor
Christiane	vellner
Lauren	Steinhofer
Alex	M
Nathaniel	South
Austin	Glick
Victoria	McGrogan
Dawn	Keller
Heath	Hicks
Spencer	French
Brooke	Plummer
Shawn	Battleday
Laura	Rocca
Lee	Gloster
Jamie	McCurdie
Jessica	aldridge
Aaron	Leeper
Miranda	Schwabe
Jacob	Gollert
Sam	Johnson
Lily	Olson
Katie	Creech
Mary	Landis
Nashele	Hernandez
Dawn	Lovitt

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Kelly

Chelsea

mary

Sierra

Carol

Meghan

Michael

Dj

Jesse

Trina

Whitney

Genesis

Gabriel

Elizabeth

Tekona

Jean

Brandi

Karmen

Peggy

Kimberlee

Serena

Natalie

Phyllis

Shonece

Kendra

Zoie

Garrett

Moyer

henderson

Landuit

Jarvis

Taylor

Gonzales

Lovejoy

Cruz

Detwiler

Allen

Easton

Efsits

Schrader

Henry

Buckingham

Shank

Duke

jennings

Johnson

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Christiana

Emmons

Bailey

Simmons

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Salvador

Linnie

Nicole

Justin

Ella

Tikvah

Tucker

Lynn

Justin

Dawn

Leo

Anita Sareen

Trisha

Louella

Jenell

Tracey

Richard

Linda

Macy

Andrea

Payton

Jennifer

Erika

Tyler

Hannah

Jessica

Rodriguez

Caye

Gallegos

Wallsich

Smith

Cataldo

Walker

Mahoney

Pletzke

Turpin

D'Hoore

Anita Sareen

Cousino-Waggy

Gary

Martin

Wheaton

Hall

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Philip	Faraci
Elinor	Britton
Juanita	Ryan
M.T.	Giddings
Audrey	Filonczuk
Savino	Rivera Jr.
Anne	Thacker
Valerie	Chavers
Helen	Gilbride
Matthew	Forst
Kalen	Guynes
Allison	Franklin
Rowan	Hornbeck
Trisha	Spice
Kiyah	Reith
Taylor	Watts
Jason	Diggins
Emily	Sharp
Mikya	sabbs
Brandon	Allen
Mark	Anella
Adisa	Basic
Makayla	Manta
Geraldine	Casey
Brittnee	Thompson

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Lindsey	Balliet
Gisselle	Hernandez
Daazyia	Taylor
Yemoja	Redding
Jessica	Buszkiewicz
Jonah	Sherck
Jesse	Varga
Taylor	Morseau
Hunter	Stevens
Pamela Ann	Claeys
T	Morris
Raquan	Smith
Katie	Mochamer
Sicerie	Brooks
Caitlyn	Cissna
Keturah	Brooks
Daniel	Brandt
Kristine	Schulke
Phyllis	Hostetler
Pamela	Condly
Margaret	Cagle
Myra L	Butts
Emmanuel	Cannady
Daniel	Jackson
Amelia	Hudson
Jacob	Jimenez

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Charline

Cheyanne

Tara

Andrew

Lisa

Kelli

Shayna

Kathy

Bennett

Dancler

Johnson

Ward

Hinton

Spurrier

Pierce

Cunningham

Brien

Breslin

Fodge

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Prepared Questions

Black Lives Matter South Bend

11.10.2025

1. How do we ensure the funding for food assistance reaches South Bend residents?
2. Will any portion of arrearages under the bill moratorium be wiped or zeroed out at the end of the moratorium period? If not, how is this different from merely delaying a shut-off?
3. How many SNAP recipients and households can actually be served with \$122,000 given that there are roughly 20,000 SNAP recipients in the City?
4. What is the City's per-household relief target?
Is there a published maximum per family and how is that equitable or scaled based on household size?
5. What happens when families receive only partial SNAP reloads (as currently expected)?
Is the City planning a second phase that actually bridges households until full SNAP benefits are restored — or is this the only intervention?
6. How is this money approved without a vote from the council?
7. Can we use a PILoT program for such emergencies?
8. What are the accountability measures for the money already committed?
9. What are the rules for the shutoffs and how will people recover?
10. Is there any special assistance for seniors?
11. If the financial burden is too heavy, have there been conversations with the University of Notre Dame & Pokagon Band?
12. Where is the school corporation in their level of assistance?
13. Is the administration preparing a roundtable of supporters to create a sustainable plan?
14. Is the mayor working with mayors throughout the state, region or country on next steps?
15. Are we working with the governor or are we going to sue for the money at the state level?