



## LEAGUE of UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), the nation's oldest and largest Latino civil rights organization, has supported military veterans for nearly 100 years. We've advocated for key legislation like The PACT Act and The Brandon Act to ensure service members receive the care and benefits they deserve. LULAC is committed to advancing the wellbeing of all veterans by advocating for access to education, affordable housing, healthcare, and other essential services.

# The 2026 Feed Our Veterans Act



## Overview

- The **2026 Feed Our Veterans Act**, sponsored by Rep. Gabe Vasquez (D-NM 2), would eliminate SNAP work requirements for veterans.
- The bill rests on a simple principle: military service already satisfies a serious work requirement.
- The purpose is to protect basic food security for those who have served.

## Current Status

- **Existing Rules:** Under the Food and Nutrition Act (ABAWD provisions), certain adults must complete 80 hours of monthly work or training to maintain SNAP benefits beyond three months.
- **Increased Risk:** The Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 expanded these requirements to older age groups, placing more veterans at risk of losing essential food assistance.
- **High Need:** Approximately 1.2 million low-income veterans rely on SNAP, yet 11% of veterans aged 18–64 still face food insecurity.
- **Paperwork Barriers:** Without a specific exemption, many veterans may lose benefits due to complex reporting and administrative hurdles.



## Reasons to Support

- **Honor service:** Veterans have already met a meaningful work requirement through military service.
- **Prevent hardship:** SNAP stabilizes veterans managing service-connected disabilities, mental health challenges, and employment transitions.
- **Targeted fix:** The bill restores prior common-sense treatment for a defined population; it is not a broad SNAP expansion.
- **Practical and efficient:** Veteran status is verifiable; a clear exemption reduces administrative burden and reporting errors.
- **Cost-aware:** Food stability can help avert higher public costs related to homelessness, health crises, and emergency services.

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## Call to Action

Pass the Feed Our Veterans Act to permanently exempt veterans from SNAP work rules and protect stable access to food.

Acting **now** delivers a clear fix that honors service and prevents avoidable hunger.

**HONORING ALL WHO SERVED**