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## Call-in Script

I am a constituent from Representative \_\_\_\_\_'s district calling to urge them to protect Medicaid and SNAP.

- SNAP feeds at least **750,000 Tennessee households** on average per month: 71% of these families have children, 35% are senior citizens & individuals with disabilities, and 37% are working citizens.
- **Half of all children and half of all births** are covered by Tennessee's Medicaid program. The majority of children with special health care needs rely on TennCare for their coverage.
- TennCare pays for school-based mental health services for **children that have individualized plans, such as IEPs**, for their academic achievement.
- **Four out of seven nursing home residents** in Tennessee rely on Medicaid.
- The principal source of health care coverage in **Tennessee's rural communities** is Medicaid.

Cuts to Medicaid and SNAP don't just reduce numbers on a budget — they devastate real families who are already making unimaginable sacrifices. Millions of Americans nationwide will lose vital health care coverage and food assistance. These cuts would be especially harmful to people with disabilities and residents of our rural communities.

I strongly urge Representative \_\_\_\_\_ to protect these programs and oppose cuts or harmful policy changes that would threaten people's ability to access lifesaving care and food assistance.

**\*Share your personal story, letting them know why Medicaid and SNAP matter to you, your family, and the millions of Americans who rely on these lifesaving programs.**