



Representative Janine Boyd Ohio House District 09

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Dear Governor Kasich:

I write to you today to encourage you to include Ohio's most vulnerable in your request for a waiver of Supplemental Nutrition Aid Program time limits for adults who are not elderly, disabled or with custody of children. I am dismayed by your rational not to include cities such as Cleveland and other urban areas in Ohio to this program which allows additional time limits for food stamp recipients.

As you know, U.S. Department of Agriculture does not extend a state-wide waiver but rules allow the states to ask for SNAP waivers at the city level. Cities such as Cleveland are also eligible for this relief due to the 2013-14 unemployment rate being at least 20% higher than the national average of 6.5%, Cleveland was at 8.5%.

Taking maximum advantage of what is permitted under USDA waiver rules will provide crucial food aid to those who need it the most. While you have expanded Medicaid to cover those and their health we must also ensure that they have food to eat. It seems counterproductive to preventive care.

As many of my peers in the House on your side of the isle, continue to legislate disparity, taking away opportunities from citizens in communities like mine, I continue to ask the question, shouldn't "pro-life" mean more? Perhaps you and I might discuss this matter at some point in the future.

Thank you in advance for your attention and your assistance in this matter.

In service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janine Boyd", written over a circular stamp or seal.

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