

Date

Name, Title
(Committee/board that acts on proposed adm. Rules)
City, State, Zip

Re: Proposed Asset Rules in TANF, GA and Food Stamp Programs in (site register)

Dear (insert name):

I am writing to express my strong support for adoption of the proposed rules that would eliminate assets as consideration in determining eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and General Assistance (GA), and the Food Stamp Program.

My organization is dedicated to strengthening (insert state name) families and children by building and protecting assets. Asset rules that penalize individuals for saving money and require applicants to spend down assets in order to qualify for temporary assistance are counterproductive to families' long-term self sufficiency and financial stability.

Most applicants and recipients of TANF, GA and Food Stamps have few assets or negative net worth. At a time when resources are limited, complex asset rules that vary by program and increase administrative burden are unnecessary and wasteful. The rule changes would result in very few individuals becoming eligible for benefits. In Ohio and Virginia, elimination of asset tests did not result in significant caseload increases or in negative political fallout.

Asset limit reform is a critical piece of the broader efforts underway in (insert state) and throughout the country to invest in families and help them move from poverty to prosperity. I urge you to implement these rule changes as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Print name

Signature

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____