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Dear faithful advocates,

LOPPW has entered 2019 engaging with the question of how to love our neighbor as a public church. After dialogue with the six ELCA bishops in synods with congregations in Wisconsin, the LOPPW Advisory Council made up of representatives from those six synods worked with the staff to decide our annual priorities. All of our priorities are connected to addressing the root causes of hunger and poverty, as reflected in our relationship with [ELCA World Hunger](#). We are privileged to continue partnering with you to address the following:

1. **Calling for an End to Childhood Hunger**
2. **Addressing the Crisis of Human Trafficking**
3. **Caring for God's Creation**
4. **Supporting Immigration Reform**

We are thankful to our ecumenical and interfaith partners with whom we work to amplify one another's advocacy and who focus on some of the significant efforts LOPPW does not. No one group has the capacity to respond to all needs.

We join many of the federal efforts of our ELCA Office of Advocacy in Washington D.C. Please check out [ELCA Advocacy 2019 Priorities](#).

Right now, we are lifting our D.C. office's action alert on opposing time limits on food benefits. When clicking on the link at the top or bottom of this e-mail, you'll find more information on the Department of Agriculture (USDA) proposed Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) rule, which

- Sidesteps Congress, which rejected these changes when it enacted the 2018 Farm Bill.
- Causes serious harm to individuals who cannot afford to lose benefits on which they rely for daily bread.
- Does not improve the health outcomes or employment outlook of those impacted by the proposed rule.
- Harms grocery retailers and agricultural producers by reducing the number of SNAP dollars available to spur local economic activity.

Register your opposition to the Proposed Rule - by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) by making a public comment before April 2, 2019 on "Requirements for Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents."

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Thank you for your Advocacy!

Yours in Christ,

Team LOPPW