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In 1984, after the birth of our second son, I had to take 6 weeks off my job (for maternity leave) as an RN. My husband was a student and I'd been unable to accumulate any vacation time or sick days because of recurrently low hospital census and the administration's practice of making us take days off to meet their financial needs. I had to write everyone we made monthly payments to and let them know we'd catch up as soon as possible, but that for 6 weeks, we'd have no income and be unable to meet our obligations. If it weren't for food stamps back then, we'd never have made it through that brief but difficult time. All my life, I've worked hard to support my family. All my life I've cared for people and paid my taxes. People who need help are sometimes just going through a rough patch. Please don't cut SNAP benefits. Please don't leave families, kids, individuals hungry and without help.