

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5836

To make continuing appropriations for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children in the event of a Government shutdown.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 28, 2025

Mr. BRESNAHAN (for himself, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, and Mr. FITZPATRICK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Keep WIC Working
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. UNINTERRUPTED BENEFITS UNDER WIC.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—In fiscal year 2026, during any
8 period of a lapse in discretionary appropriations for the
9 Department of Agriculture, there are appropriated to the

1 Secretary of Agriculture, out of any money in the Treas-
2 ury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as are nec-
3 essary to carry out the special supplemental nutrition pro-
4 gram for women, infants, and children established under
5 section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.
6 1786) (referred to in this section as “WIC”).

7 (b) RETROACTIVE BENEFITS.—The appropriations
8 under subsection (a) shall include any amounts necessary
9 for reimbursement of State agencies for any State funds
10 used, during the period beginning on September 30, 2025,
11 and ending on the date of the enactment of this section,
12 to carry out operations necessary to maintain participation
13 in WIC.

14 (c) TERMINATION.—Appropriations shall be made
15 available pursuant to subsection (a) until the date of the
16 enactment of appropriations for the Department of Agri-
17 culture for fiscal year 2026 (including a continuing appro-
18 priation).

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