IT’S TIME TO FULLY FUND WIC


⇒ In CT, 48,000 children and pregnant/postpartum mothers rely on WIC.

The current federal funding allotted to WIC falls short, putting over 600,000 eligible participants at risk of being turned away from a program they qualify for.

⇒ This includes 51,000 eligible CT children and mothers.

Not fully funding WIC unwinds years of advocacy efforts to increase enrollment. WIC has a strong track record of positive impacts on health outcomes which is why there has been a bipartisan commitment for over 25 years to fully fund it – until now.

⇒ If Congress extends the current funding level for the rest of the fiscal year, WIC will face a $1 billion shortfall in 2024, jeopardizing access for millions nationwide.

Not fully funding WIC will force states to reduce participation by 2 million young children and pregnant/postpartum mothers nationwide by September 2024.

⇒ In CT, participation would have to be reduced by 14,000 households currently receive WIC.