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State Rep. Ray Reed Statement on SNAP Benefits Halt Due to Federal Shutdown

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. —State Representative Ray Reed released the following statement regarding the halting of SNAP benefits as a result of the federal shutdown:

“Today’s announcement from the Missouri Department of Social Services is deeply troubling. Thousands of Missouri families are now facing uncertainty about how they’ll put food on the table next month — not because of anything they did wrong, but because of a failure of leadership in Washington.

Government shutdowns aren’t acts of nature. They are choices. And right now, too many in Congress are choosing dysfunction over responsibility. When leaders refuse to govern, it’s working families, seniors, and children who bear the cost.

We can and must do better. Every Missourian deserves a government that shows up for them — one that keeps its promises and puts people over politics. I urge those in Washington to come back to the table, find common ground, and get the government reopened.

Because at the end of the day, leadership isn’t about making headlines or scoring points. It’s about doing what’s right — especially when it’s hard.”

Representative Ray Reed proudly serves as the State Representative for Missouri's 83rd House District, which includes vibrant communities across the St. Louis region, including Brentwood, Maplewood, Richmond Heights, Shrewsbury, and portions of Affton. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2024. For more information, please contact Rep. Reed by phone at 573-751-2883 or email at Ray.Reed@House.Mo.Gov.

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