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Dear UA Cooperative Extension AZ Health Zone Partner:

For more than 30 years, SNAP-Ed, known in Arizona as AZ Health Zone, has helped build healthier communities through nutrition and active living programs. Funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered by the Arizona Department of Health Services, this work has been made possible because of strong partnerships, including the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, our dedicated staff, county health departments, and other local organizations. We appreciate all that you have contributed to this effort.

However, as you may already know, SNAP-Ed funding was eliminated from the federal budget by the United States Congress. As a result, the program will come to an end in Arizona and across America on September 30, 2025.

While this marks a significant transition, it does not end our shared commitment to community health. We will continue working with you to advance nutrition security, strengthen food systems, and promote active lifestyles in our local communities. The success and momentum built through SNAP-Ed will continue to guide our efforts.

We are actively exploring new ways to carry out this important mission. We believe the relationships and trust built through SNAP-Ed will provide the foundation for what comes next. Your partnership remains essential as we navigate this transition and move forward together.

We understand this change raises questions. Updated information is available on our SNAP-Ed programming page, and you are welcome to reach out directly to Dr. Shea Cantu, Director, Community Nutrition Education Program, at (520) 626-9392 or cantu1@arizona.edu with any additional questions.

Thank you for your collaboration and commitment. We look forward to continuing this important work with you.

With gratitude,

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