



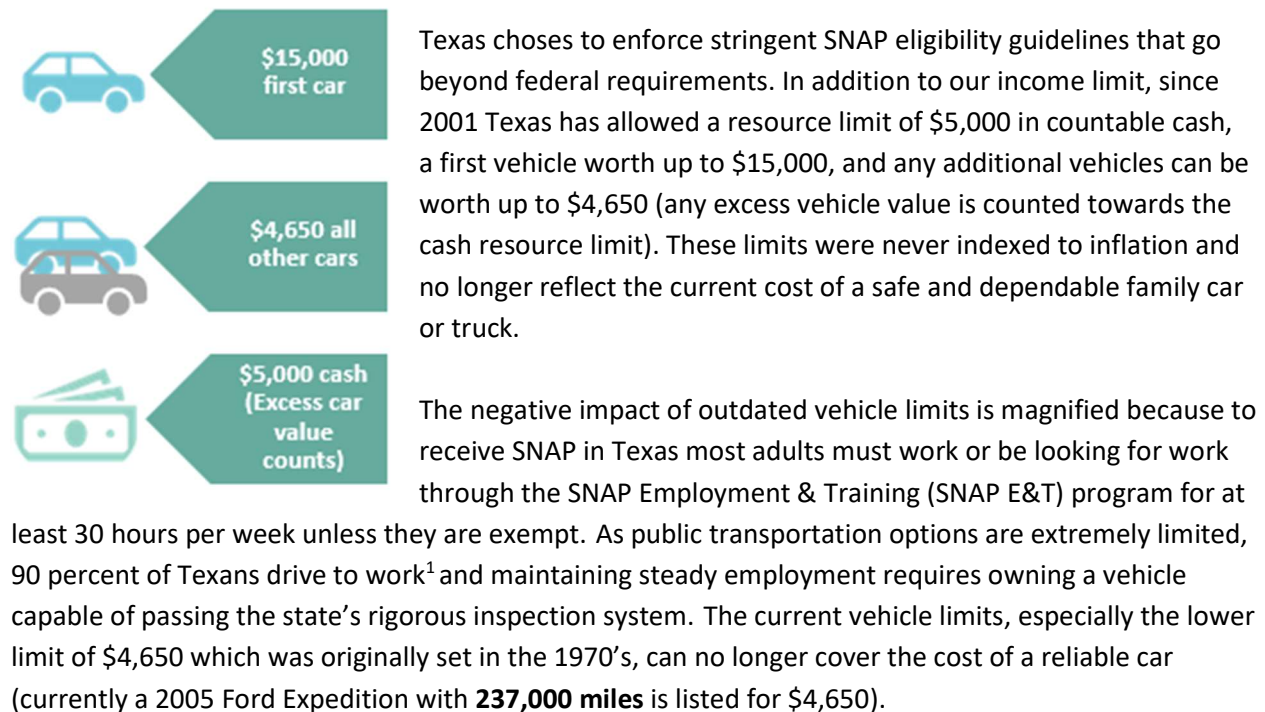
Every Texan Supports HB 2641 by Rodriguez

Relating to annually adjusting for inflation the maximum amount of a motor vehicle excluded in determining eligibility for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

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Every Texan supports HB 2641 by Rodriguez as it will reduce hunger in Texas by updating the state's outdated vehicle asset limits for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to more accurately reflect the true cost of reliable transportation.

As the record long lines of cars waiting for help from food banks throughout the pandemic have shown, millions of Texans are a paycheck away from hunger. These are families that work, and own cars to get to work, but have limited savings so they have little ability to absorb a loss of income. SNAP is designed to respond quickly to crises like the loss of a job by supplementing food budgets and making it possible for struggling families to buy the food they need at their local grocery store. But many of the families waiting in line at food banks across the state were there because of Texas' outdated vehicle asset test limits that disqualified them from SNAP even with little to no income to buy food.



HB 2641 updates Texas' SNAP vehicle limits to reflect the rise in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for new vehicles. By indexing to the CPI, SNAP vehicle values will more closely align with the intent of the Legislature when vehicle limits were last updated in 2001 and would more accurately capture the prices of today's cars and trucks.

¹ Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates.