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STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY

S.J. Res. 42 - A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Food and Nutrition Service relating to "Application of Bostock v. Clayton County to Program Discrimination Complaint Processing-Policy Update".

(Sen. Marshall, R-KS, and 19 cosponsors)

The Administration strongly opposes passage of S.J. Res. 42, a joint resolution to disapprove the Department of Agriculture's memorandum on protecting LGBTQI+ Americans from discrimination in federally funded nutrition programs.

No person in need of help should be turned away from a food bank or denied nutrition assistance just because of who they are or who they love. Like many Americans, LGBTQI+ households often turn to federal nutrition programs like SNAP when they experience food insecurity. In fact, federal research shows that households with an LGBTQI+ member are more likely to report food insecurity compared to non-LGBTQI+ households. This legislation would mean that needy people – including children who may go hungry – could be denied food and food assistance simply because of who they are or who they love. That is discrimination and it is wrong.

If Congress were to pass this joint resolution, the President would veto it.

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