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Gene Macken protests Nov. 4 in Milwaukee. The Trump administration initially said it would not tap contingency funds to make Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program payments during the government shutdown.

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Trump appeals order to pay full SNAP aid

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USA TODAY

The Trump administration has appealed a federal judge's order that it was to provide full Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program food aid to states by Nov. 7.

The Justice Department filed a notice of appeal Nov. 6 – the same day federal Judge John McConnell in Rhode Island ordered the administration to

make full payments of November SNAP benefits to states within a day. On Nov. 7, the DOJ asked the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit to halt McConnell's order by 4 p.m. ET.

"There is no lawful basis for an order that directs [the U.S. Department of Agriculture] to somehow find \$4 billion in the metaphorical couch cushions," the administration said in its request.

McConnell and federal officials have been ping-ponging for several days over

how much, if anything, to pay of the November aid received by close to 42 million Americans.

The Trump administration initially said it would not tap contingency funds to make SNAP payments during the federal government shutdown. Then, after McConnell instructed the administration to do so, federal officials said recipients would get a maximum of

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SNAP disruptions could hurt grocers

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Like the millions of Americans who rely on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, retailers are bracing for the effects of reduced or delayed funding to a program that typically injects billions of dollars into the U.S. economy each month.

The federal government spent \$99.8 billion on SNAP in fiscal year 2024, averaging more than \$8 billion per month. The Congressional Budget Office in January estimated outlays of more than \$100 billion for the program in 2025, though the actual spending this year is uncertain due to recent budget shifts and the ongoing government shutdown.

On Nov. 5, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced recipients would receive, at most, 65% of benefits in November after two federal judges ordered the department to use a contingency fund to provide the benefits. On Nov. 6, one of those federal judges ordered the Trump administration to fully

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Travelers brace for worse to come

Shutdown could disrupt more flights, official says

USA TODAY

Some travelers heckled Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport as he stopped Nov. 7 to talk with travelers and Transportation Security Administration workers after reducing flight operations by 4% at 40 major U.S. airports.

They yelled at Duffy to get people back to work and push harder for an end to the government shutdown.

Travelers are bracing for worse to come, with many Americans on edge as the busy holiday travel season draws near. Flight operations reductions will ramp up to 6% on Nov. 9 and to 10% over a week, Duffy said. And flight operations will be cut further if the shutdown continues, he said, up to 15% or even 20%.

In a Nov. 7 interview with Breitbart News, Duffy said that, behind the scenes, there have been warning signs of an air traffic control system under

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Analysis: Florida among hardest hit by shutdown toll

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USA TODAY NETWORK

As the 2025 federal government shutdown stretches into another punishing week, Florida is emerging as one of the states where the financial damage is mounting fastest, leaving federal workers increasingly on edge.

For instance, the latest research from GOBankingRates estimates that federal workers in Florida have already lost an average of \$10,363 in income since the shutdown began. The total civilian federal workforce here numbers a little over 95,000.

Using federal employment totals from the Bureau of Labor Statistics

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