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WASHINGTON, DC – Today, Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (GA-02), Chairman of the U.S. House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, released the following statement regarding the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s SNAP Online Purchasing Pilot and the minimal number of approved retailers:

"I am pleased to announce that 37 states will be able to use SNAP benefits to buy groceries online through USDA’s SNAP Online Purchasing pilot, which will help families stay safe during this pandemic. However, I am concerned with the lack of approved retailers nationwide. Currently, only seven retailers have been approved to provide online purchasing service, limiting access for SNAP participants to take advantage of the convenience this program provides. It is imperative USDA expands the list of approved grocers, particularly in rural communities—like we have in Georgia to ensure equitable access to nutritious food for all SNAP participants."

The full text of the letter is [here](#).