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Date

Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil

Chair, Senate Human Services Committee

1020 N Street, Room 521

Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Support for Assembly Bill 2033 (Reyes) – EBT Access for Student Empowerment (EASE) Act

Dear Chair Alvarado-Gi,

On behalf of Organization, I write to express our strong support for Assembly Bill 2033 (Reyes), which would make it possible for students to use their food benefits in at least one location in college campuses across California’s three systems of public higher education. Each campus would be required, or requested, to have at least one store that sells food to apply to become an authorized retail food store under the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and if approved, shall accept the use of Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT).

[ONE TO TWO SENTENCES ABOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION]

CalFresh benefits are critical in helping address student hunger, and it is important that we make it possible for students to use these benefits on campus.

According to a Legislative Analyst’s Office report, 44% of undergraduates and 26% of graduate students in California experience food insecurity. Data from the University of California demonstrates that students who experience food and housing challenges have lower grade point averages and graduation rates compared to students who have their basic needs met.

AB 2033 supports low-income students across California by increasing the number of locations that accept EBT on campus. This bill will also ensure that students have easily accessible information on EBT vendors on and off campus so that they know where they can use their food benefits.

We urge you to support AB 2033 to ensure that we make food and basic needs services more known and accessible to students.

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME] [YOUR TITLE] [ORGANIZATION NAME]

cc: Assembly Majority Leader Emerita Eloise Gomez Reyes