Date

The Honorable Jerry McNerney, Chair

Senate Revenue and Tax Committee

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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator McNerney,

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ writes to submit the following letter in support of Senate Bill 353, authored by Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil, which extends the authorization for tax credits related to donations of fresh produce, agricultural products, and processed foods to food banks indefinitely. As \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is committed to addressing food insecurity in our state, we believe this bill is a critical step in encouraging more donations to food banks, ensuring that individuals and families in need continue to have access to healthy, nutritious food.

The Farm to Food Bank Tax Credit, also known as the Donated Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Credit, was first enacted in 2012 under AB 152 (Fuentes) and will expire in 2027. The law allows a qualified taxpayer to receive a 15% tax credit for qualified donation items, such as fresh fruits and vegetables, eggs, meat products, dairy products and grains. In 2023 alone, over $8m in donations were made to local California food banks and $769,000.00 in tax credits were allowed.

SB 353 would remove the sunset, allowing the tax credit to be available indefinitely. The consistent availability of this credit will help food banks meet the growing demand for their services, which has only increased as the need for emergency food assistance has risen.

We believe that SB 353 will play a crucial role in alleviating hunger in California by promoting continued donations to food banks, helping to build a stronger, more resilient food assistance system.

For these reasons, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ supports SB 353.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue. Please feel free to contact \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ regarding any questions.

Sincerely,

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