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The Honorable Buffy Wicks

Chair of Assembly Appropriations Committee

1021 O St., Suite 8220

Sacramento, CA 95814

## Re: Support for AB 1211 (Sharp-Collins) – CalFresh: maintenance of benefit level.

Dear Chairman Wicks

On behalf of [organization’s name], I am writing in support of Assembly Bill 1211 (Sharp-Collins) which ensures the stability of CalFresh benefits and proactively protects millions of Californians from food insecurity.

[Insert organization’s background and/or any specific stories or cases to emphasize the need for this bill]

As the state’s largest food assistance program, CalFresh serves over 5.2 million residents, including children, seniors, and people with disabilities. With the average daily benefit per person at just $6, any reduction in assistance would have devastating consequences, particularly as food costs continue to rise.

CalFresh is primarily federally funded, and uncertainty at the federal level threatens its long-term stability. A sudden reduction in federal funding would be catastrophic for the families who rely on this essential program. By protecting the amount of CalFresh assistance families receive, AB 1211 strengthens California’s commitment to fighting hunger and ensures that food insecurity does not worsen for our most vulnerable residents.

By safeguarding CalFresh benefits and exploring opportunities for expansion, AB 1211 reinforces California’s leadership in the fight against hunger and economic inequality.

For these reasons [organization’s name] respectfully urges your support for AB 1211.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

[Signature

Name

Address

Contact Information]

cc: Assemblymember Dr. LaShae Sharp-Collins, Assembly District 79