

Protect Our Kids: CalFresh and the Farm Bill

16th Congressional District
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To keep our kids from going hungry, we must protect and strengthen CalFresh in the Farm Bill.



The Farm Bill is one of our nation's most important pieces of legislation. It determines what foods are accessible and affordable to all, and includes CalFresh—our best tool for fighting child hunger.

41,100 households in your district depend on CalFresh to feed their children.



Children are the primary beneficiaries of CalFresh. 71% of households in your district participating in the program are feeding and caring for children.

Cuts to CalFresh would harm 36,600 working families in your district.



75% of CalFresh-receiving families in your district are working, but often struggle with low wages and irregular hours. Many of them have young children, and rely on CalFresh to put food on their tables.

Without CalFresh, 17,400 additional children in your district will fall into poverty.



1 in 2 children in your district live in poverty, compared to 1 in 7 children statewide. Without CalFresh, families will have even fewer resources to feed their children and meet their basic needs.

We shouldn't cut CalFresh when 66,400 children in your district are at risk of hunger.



With our high cost of living—especially with housing and child care—parents are already struggling to put food on the table. 1 in 3 children in your district are at risk of not having adequate access to food, compared to 1 in 5 statewide.