2019 State Budget and Legislative Advocacy

## SB 285 (Wiener)

**CalFresh Connect** 





## **CALL TO ACTION!**

Tell state leaders that improving access to CalFresh is a priority! We're calling on state legislators to pass SB 285 (Wiener): CalFresh Connect to ensure that all low-income Californians have efficient and equitable access to CalFresh.

SB 285 sets a path forward to make meaningful improvements for individuals and families, by:

- 1) Setting statewide goals for CalFresh participation and supporting continuous improvement
- 2) Improving access across the enrollment process from start to finish, ensuring all applicants can complete the process by phone, online, mail, or in person according to their preference and regardless of their address, lack of stable housing, or individual circumstances.
- **3) Meeting the needs of specific populations** by making targeted improvements for seniors through a simplified application and ensuring accurate translations of all CalFresh forms.

It only takes a minute to make your voice heard. Once you've taken action, spread the word to others!

Let key legislators know you support SB 285!

Call Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez, Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee Phone: (916) 319-2080

"I am calling to ask Assemblymember Gonzalez to support SB 285, which would improve access to CalFresh, our most powerful antihunger and anti-poverty program. Californians struggling to make ends meet deserve meaningful access to CalFresh. We need systemic reform that translates into meaningful improvements."



## Sample Email

Send to mailto:assemblymember.gonzalez@assembly.ca.gov or https://bit.ly/2lqxs3G

Subject: SUPPORT – SB 285 (Wiener): CalFresh Connect

[I am/Name of your organization is] writing to support SB 285, the CalFresh Connect bill. This will improve access to CalFresh for all low-income Californians, especially seniors, people with disabilities, and the working poor. Too many Californians are left hungrier and poorer by not being able to access the most powerful anti-hunger tool we have, CalFresh. No one should go hungry in a state with such abundance. Please support SB 285. Thank you.

## Sample Tweets

- When 4 in 5 low-income seniors can't access CalFresh, it's time for meaningful change. Support SB 285 and a CalFresh program that works for all! @LorenaAD80 @Rendon63rd @CAgovernor
- Together, we can do the work to make CalFresh work for everyone, regardless of where they live or their individual circumstances. SB 285 provides a roadmap for success. Plz support SB 285! @LorenaAD80 @Rendon63rd @CAgovernor
- SSI recipients are now eligible for CalFresh for the first time in decades. Now is the time to ensure that all eligible Californians can access CalFresh simply and with dignity. Support SB 285! @LorenaAD80 @Rendon63rd @CAgovernor