

# 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 and integrating program enrollment within an integrated, user-centered portal for safety net programs
- 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 Senator Portantino, Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee

Phone: (916) 651-4025

*"I am calling to ask Senator Portantino to support SB 285 which would improve access to CalFresh, our most powerful anti-hunger 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 [Senator.Portantino@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Senator.Portantino@sen.ca.gov) or [bit.ly/support285](http://bit.ly/support285)

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—CalFresh Connect! @Portantino @SenatorPatBates @SenHJMitchell
- 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! @Portantino @SenatorPatBates @HollyJMitchell
- 500K SSI recipients will be eligible for CalFresh on 6/1. Now is the time to ensure that all eligible Californians can access CalFresh simply and with dignity. Support SB 285! @Portantino @SenatorPatBates @HollyJMitchell



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