

SB 882 (Wiener)

CalFresh: Simpler for Seniors



CALL TO ACTION!

Tell state leaders that improving CalFresh access is a priority—during and after COVID-19! We're calling on state legislators to pass SB 882 (Wiener) to ensure that **low-income Californians, particularly older adults and people with disabilities, have simplified access to our most powerful anti-hunger program—CalFresh.**

SB 882 would make three meaningful improvements to the CalFresh program:

- 1) **Simplify the CalFresh application** for many older adults and people with disabilities;
- 2) **Eliminate burdensome reporting requirements** that cause many households to lose food assistance; and
- 3) **Ensure phone access for all applicants and participants**, allowing them to complete application and recertification interview processes by phone, including the required client signature.

Let key legislators know you support SB 882!

Call / Email / Tweet These Senators

[Senator Portantino](#), Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee

Phone: (916) 651-4025 | Email: Senator.Portantino@sen.ca.gov;

Sample Email

Hi, my name is ___ and I live in ___. I'm calling to urge Senator Portantino to support SB 882, which will ease access to CalFresh, our most powerful anti-hunger program. It is urgent that we simplify the CalFresh application process as more and more people are out of work and need help putting food on the table. SB 882 will make permanent improvements to the program, especially for older adults and people with disabilities. Please vote yes on SB 882.

Please also spend a few minutes contacting your Senator if they are listed below as members of the committee:

[Patricia Bates, Vice Chair](#) (R - 36) (916) 651-4036

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Sample Tweets

- *Californians struggling to make ends meet during #COVID19 need quick access to CalFresh, but the process is often overly complicated. We need SB 882 to simplify access now! @Portantino @SenatorPatBates*
- *Only 19% of eligible adults age 60+ receive CalFresh. SB 882 makes it easier for people, especially seniors, to get and stay connected to our most powerful anti-hunger program. Plz support SB 882! @Portantino @SenatorPatBates*
- *CalFresh applications are up more than 200% due to spiking unemployment. We need SB 882 to simplify access and keep people connected to food assistance. Let's cut the red tape to put food on their plates! @Portantino @SenatorPatBates*