

# Food4All

# Ensuring ALL California Immigrants Have the Food They Need

#### The Problem

Adequate nutrition is vital for the health and wellbeing of all of California's residents, but many Californians are struggling to make ends meet and put food on the table due to the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic downturn. Across the state, our immigrant communities have been some of the hardest hit. CalFresh is a critical lifeline for accessing nutrition assistance; but many immigrants are unjustly excluded from CalFresh and our state-funded California Food Assistance Program (CFAP).

Our State can only thrive when no one is left out.

### Solution: No Exceptions, No Exclusions

Access to CalFresh/CFAP means greater opportunity to reduce hunger, improve health, and lift people out of poverty. Federal laws exclude undocumented immigrants, DACA recipients, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders, and certain visa holders from CalFresh, but California has a long history of recognizing that immigrants are an essential part of our state and has the power to make CFAP more inclusive.

This is the time for California to champion bold policies and put forth a different vision for our nation, one where all Californians — regardless of immigration status — have the food they need.

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#### Take Action

Join us in advocating to modernize the California Food Assistance Program to provide state-funded nutrition benefits to all Californians ineligible for CalFresh solely due to their immigration status. By coming together to champion #Food4All, we can ensure every Californian has the food they need.

# Why This Matters

Food4All addresses
longstanding discrimination in
our state's most powerful antihunger program to ensure all
Californians have access to
food, regardless of their
immigration status. Food not
only fuels healthy bodies—it
fuels healthy communities and
our local economies. When
every person has the nutrition
they need, California can be a
more resilient, thriving state.