



Food4All: Ending Exclusions to Food Access

No Exceptions. No Exclusions. No Delays.

Problem: Unjust exclusions worsen food insecurity in California

California's social safety net protects families during times of economic hardship – but many immigrants in California are unjustly excluded. The California Poverty Measure shows that [64%](#) of undocumented Californians are living in or near poverty without access to our state's most powerful anti-poverty program: CalFresh. According to January 2025 estimates from the Legislative Analyst's Office, between 380,000 to 550,000 Californians ages 0-54 are excluded from this program due solely to immigration status.

As a critical first step, California's leaders have committed to ending the exclusion of income-eligible immigrants ages 55+ to accessing food assistance beginning in October 2027. However, the hunger crisis among immigrants in our state has worsened. Trump's H.R. 1, signed into law in July of 2025, rolls back eligibility for life-saving food assistance for refugees, asylees, and other lawfully present immigrants. While we are fighting to improve immigrant food access in California, Trump wields hunger as a weapon. Californians of all ages and immigration statuses are struggling right now and must be included in this historic expansion to ensure that all Californians have access to the food they want and need to thrive. The ability to put food on the table should not be based on something as arbitrary as where you were born.

Solution: Provide Food Benefits to All Californians, Regardless of Immigration Status or Age by 2027

The Food4All proposal will expand CalFresh access to all income-eligible Californians, regardless of age or immigration status. CalFresh is proven to [stimulate and stabilize](#) the economy, especially during economic downturns, and consistently keeps [millions of Californians](#) out of poverty. [Research](#) shows that access to CalFresh improves overall health outcomes of recipients and lowers health care costs over the long term.

Our state leaders have the power to strengthen and protect families in California from the harm caused by hunger by making our food safety net more inclusive. Undocumented immigrants, DACA recipients, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders, and certain visa holders are currently excluded from CalFresh due to their immigration status, and [humanitarian immigrants will be excluded](#) from CalFresh beginning April 1, 2026. By removing exclusions based on immigration status, we can strengthen California's food safety net and build upon California's bold leadership towards immigrant inclusion. **By investing in Food4All for all ages by 2027, we can ensure that everyone who calls California home has the food they urgently need.**



BUDGET REQUEST

The Food4All proposal is a budget request in the Senate and Assembly. It is championed by **Assemblywoman Celeste Rodriguez.**

TAKE ACTION

Join us in securing a state investment to provide food benefits to all income-eligible Californians who are ineligible for CalFresh due to their immigration status.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Nobody should experience hunger because of their immigration status. No exceptions! No exclusions! No delays!

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