We believe that hunger is a solvable problem, and our State Policy Agenda is a key element of our commitment to advocating for just, equitable public policies that address the root causes of hunger.

State policy is an incredibly powerful avenue for effective and sustainable change at the local level. Each member of our community can have a role to play in advancing our policy priorities - whether it be gaining new knowledge and understanding of an issue, mobilizing colleagues and friends to take action, or raising their own voice in support.

**Invest in Food Banks to Meet the Need Today**

- **CalFood** — $60M annual funding to enable food banks to purchase CA-grown products

- **Food Bank Capacity & Climate Resilience Infrastructure** — $180M one-time funding to increase food banks’ ability to serve our communities at scale

**Protect and Strengthen the Social Safety Net**

- **Calfresh**
  - **SB 600 (Menjivar)** — Improve benefit adequacy by increasing the minimum CalFresh benefit level from $23 to $50
  - **AB 712 (Carillo)** — Increase choice and access by allowing CalFresh recipients to purchase ready-to-eat hot and prepared foods at grocery stores
  - **AB 605 (Arambula)** — Extend CA Fruit and Vegetable EBT Pilot to increase the purchasing power of CalFresh benefits
  - **SB 245 (Hurtado) / AB 311 (Santiago): Food4All** — Expand CA Food Assistance Program to provide food benefits to all income-eligible people, regardless of immigration status

- **Protect Californians on CalFresh from Federal ABAWD Time-Limit Rules** — Create California Anti-Hunger Response (CARE) Benefits: $3M (one-time)
**TAX CREDITS**

**AB 1128 (Santiago)** — Expand the Young Child Tax Credit to all CalEITC-eligible households

**AB 1498 (Gipson)** — Raise the minimum CalEITC credit to $300

**SCHOOL & CHILDCARE MEALS**

**SB 348 (Skinner)** — Build on success of School Meals for All by strengthening student nutrition programs including meals and Summer EBT

**AB 679 (Wicks): Food with Care** — End the discriminatory reimbursement rate gap that underpays and undervalues family childcare home providers serving healthy meals to kids in their care

**MEDI-CAL**

**AB 1644 (Bonta)** — Make medically supportive food and nutrition plans covered benefits under the Medi-Cal program, allowing doctors to prescribe healthy food to Medi-Cal patients

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**Ensure Equal Opportunity to Thrive for All Californians**

**Protect Assistance for Seniors and People with Disabilities** — Improve benefit adequacy for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) by ensuring annual grant increases and establish grants at the Elder Economic Index

**SB 225 (Caballero)** — Create the Community Anti-Displacement and Preservation Program (CAPP) to support the acquisition and preservation of unsubsidized affordable housing and its stewardship as permanently affordable

**SB 567 (Durazo)** — Build on existing law to better protect California’s low-income renters from unjust evictions and exorbitant rent increases

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**Promote Sustainable Food Systems**

**Farmer’s Market Nutrition incentives** — $35M one-time to ensure continued support of the California Nutrition Incentive Program including programs like Market Match

**AB 408 (Wilson)** — Support the funding of climate-resilient Farms, sustainable healthy food access, and farmworker protection via a 2024 state bond measure

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