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Honorable Scott D. Wiener  
Chair, Senate Human Services Committee  
1020 N Street, Room 521  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Support SB 360 (Skinner) – CalWORKs/CalFresh Overpayment Prevention Act of 2017**

Dear Chairperson Wiener:

California Food Policy Advocates (CFPA) supports Senate Bill 360 (Skinner), which would prevent counties from prosecuting CalWORKs/CalFresh clients for overpayments if the potential for overpayment was known to the County Welfare Department and proper and timely notice of the overpayment was not provided to the client household.

CFPA is a statewide, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the health and well-being of low-income Californians by increasing their access to nutritious, affordable food. Throughout our more than 20 years of experience, we have worked to achieve a healthy and food secure California. SB 360 would help reduce hunger among Californians receiving CalFresh nutrition assistance by ensuring that if a county fails to process an overissuance report, those overissuances could not be used in a prosecution of the CalFresh client. The county would still be able to collect any overissuance.

No one should be prosecuted for an overissuance of nutrition benefits for any month that the county knew or should have known about the change in the client's profile that could result in an overissuance, and did not provide that client adequate and timely notice.

For these reasons, CFPA supports SB 360 and respectfully requests your "Aye" vote.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jared Call".

Jared Call, Managing Nutrition Policy Advocate

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