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The Honorable Henry Stern
Member of the California State Senate
California State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Support for SB 1275 (Stern): A Plan to End College Hunger

Dear Senator Stern:

California Food Policy Advocates (CFPA) is writing in support of SB 1275 to establish the Plan Against College Hunger Award for low-income students in a public college or university.

For more than 25 years, CFPA has worked to improve the health and well-being of low-income Californians by increasing access to nutritious, affordable food. We envision an equitable California where everyone has the food they need to lead healthy, productive lives. SB 1275 will help to advance that vision.

A growing body of research shows that students in our public colleges and universities are struggling with hunger and food insecurity. To support students striving toward a better future and to break the harmful cycle of poverty, California should invest in the basic needs of public college students.

SB 1275 will establish an award for students eligible for Cal Grant B. The amount of the award will equal the cost of a meal plan worth 10 meals per week.

SB 1275 will compliment efforts already made toward ending hunger on college campuses and will set California up to take the next big step of offering a meal plan to all Cal Grant recipients. For these reasons, CFPA supports SB 1275. Thank you for introducing this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tia Shimada", written in a cursive style.

Tia Shimada
Director of Programs