



## California Hunger Action Coalition 2010 Legislative Agenda

**Support a Family Recovery Budget!** CHAC supports a California state budget that creates and maintains jobs, provides a safety net where there are not jobs, goes after targeted revenue solutions, and brings home federal funds.

**Bring Home Federal Food Stamp Dollars to End Hunger!** With little or no investment of state General Funds, California could bring home more federal dollars through the federal Food Stamp Program. This nutrition assistance is fully paid for by the federal government and for every \$1.00 that a low-income Californian receives in federal benefits, the state gains \$1.73 in economic activity.<sup>1</sup> State leaders have all agreed that drawing down more federal funds is an essential strategy in ensuring that California and our residents make it through the current economic crisis and the predicted slow recovery. The following bills help us to achieve this goal:

**SB 1322 Simplifying Food Stamp Employment & Training Programs, Carol Liu (D-Los Angeles)** This bill improves delivery of Food Stamp Employment and Training programs.

**AB 1756 Food Stamps for Recovery, Sandré Swanson (D-Oakland)** This bill removes life-time ban on former drug felons who've served their time, achieved recovery and met other food stamp rules.

**AB 1642 Food Stamp Report Simplification, Jim Beall (D-San Jose)** This bill removes unnecessary paperwork, reduces administrative churning and increases participation in the food stamp program.

**AB 1914 Food Stamps for Newly Unemployed Families, Mike Davis (D-Los Angeles)** This bill ensures people receive food stamps while waiting for Unemployment Insurance Benefits to be approved.

**Support Healthier Food Choices!** Low-income families are as challenged by lack of healthy food choices as they are by lack of food. These bills address this problem:

**SB 1269 Food Donations, Jenny Oropeza (D-Long Beach)** This bill facilitates the dissemination of information regarding food donation liability protections.

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<sup>1</sup> Moody's *Economics.com* found that food stamps a significant economic impact as an economic stimulant. [http://money.cnn.com/2008/01/29/news/economy/stimulus\\_analysis/index.htm](http://money.cnn.com/2008/01/29/news/economy/stimulus_analysis/index.htm)

**AB 537 EBT at Farmer's Markets, *Juan Arambula (D-Fresno)*** This bill establishes a method for farmers' markets, flea markets and similar open air vendors to accept food stamps by January 2012.

**AB 2084 Child Day Care Facilities: Nutrition, *Julia Brownley (D-Santa Monica)*** This bill requires a licensed child day care facility to follow specified, healthy guidelines for the provision of beverages.