LTE Template for CAFB Members – House Farm Bill

By making deep cuts to SNAP, called CalFresh here in California, the House Farm Bill (H.R. 2) would worsen hunger and overwhelm food banks in every community in California. The House Agriculture Committee’s Farm Bill would make it harder for low-income and working Californians to put food on the table by taking away—or cutting—SNAP benefits by over $17 billion over a decade—cuts that will increase hunger and hardship for our state’s working families, children, low-wage workers, individuals with disabilities and older adults.

SNAP helps over 4 million low-income Californians including 2 million children, access much needed nutrition and put food on the table. In COUNTY, INSERT LOCAL SNAP PARTICIPATION DATA

In addition to creating increased hunger and hardship for our state’s poorest residents, H.R. 2 will also result in increased demand at our food banks, who are already struggling to meet the current need, with nearly [1 in 3 SNAP households still relying on food banks](https://www.ers.usda.gov/webdocs/publications/84981/ap-077.pdf?V=42979) every month. If SNAP is cut, food banks will never be able to meet the increased demand in our community.

I hope every California member of Congress rejects this bill and its harmful proposals. Strengthening SNAP, not cutting it, is the right way forward and the House Agriculture Committee’s 2018 Farm Bill should not break the long history of bipartisan commitment to ensure struggling families across California have enough to eat.

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