



2025 Legislative Agenda

Food banks play a critical role in ending hunger, but we can't do it alone. The Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano strategically engages in advocacy work to raise awareness and mobilize support to end hunger, improve economic security and promote health and well-being for our community. This includes educating the public and policymakers about food insecurity and encouraging partnerships to improve access to healthy food.

Our Mission

Leading the fight to end hunger, in partnership with our community and in service of our neighbors in need.

Our Advocacy Goal

To identify the root causes of hunger, specific to our region while integrating the experiences and voices of our community members to most effectively advocate for sustainable change in our food systems to eliminate food insecurity.



Social Safety Net Programs

The social safety net is a crucial component in the daily lives and long-term outcomes of our community members. Advocacy at the local, state, and federal levels is needed to ensure these programs are robust, funded, promoted and reliably accessible for those in need of support. The Social Safety Net includes food assistance programs like CalFresh/SNAP, WIC, TEFAP, P-EBT, CFAP, just to name a few, and also encompasses other programs that contribute to the ability of individuals experiencing poverty to meet their needs.



State Bills to Support

- **CalFresh and Disasters**
 - AB 777 (C. Rodriguez)
- **CalFresh Benefit Maintenance**
 - AB 1211 (Sharp-Collins)
- **California Food Assistance Program – Sponsor Deeming**
 - AB 1049 (Rodriguez)
- **Caregiver Meals**
 - SB 225 (McNerney)
- **Stop Child Hunger Act**
 - SB 411 (Perez)

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State Bills to Support (continued)

- **Safe Access to Schools**
 - SB 48 (Gonzalez)
- **Public Benefits & Higher Education County Liaisons**
 - AB 79 (Arambula)
- **Public Benefits During Disasters**
 - AB 1161 (Harabedian)
- **Protect Scholarship Income**
 - AB 42 (Bryan)
- **Decriminalize Benefit Overpayments**
 - SB 560 (Smallwood- Cuevas)
- **Expand Diaper Access Under Medi-Cal**
 - AB 636 (Ortega)



Federal Bills to Oppose

- **SNAP Nutrition Security Act**
 - Join multi-sector opposition to this bill, which is a step towards restricting choice and dignity for the millions of Californians who rely on SNAP to feed their families. [S. 2326 Booker \(118th\)](#)
- **Healthy SNAP Act of 2025**
 - Adopts punitive rules to limit food choice for recipients of SNAP. [H.R. 479 Brechen \(119th\)](#)

Federal Bills to Support

- **Improving Access to Nutrition Act**
 - H.R. 1510 Lee/S. 2435 Welch (118th)
- **Enhance Access to SNAP Act**
 - H.R. 3183 Gomez/S. 1488 Gillibrand (118th)
- **Closing the Meal Gap Act**
 - H.R. 3037 Adams/S. 1336 Gillibrand (118th)
- **Lift the Bar Act**
 - H.R. 4170 Jayapal/S. 2038 Hirano (118th)
- **Hot Foods Act**
 - H.R. 3519 Meng, Fitzpatrick/S. 2258 Bennet (118th)
- **RESTORE Act**
 - H.R. 3479 Cohen/S. 1753 Booker (118th)

Federal Bills to Support: Advance a Hunger-Free Future for All Children and Prevent Hunger During Summer and Out of School Time

- **Universal School Meals Program Act**
 - H.R. 3204 Omar/ S. 1568 Sanders (118th)
- **School Meals Expansion Act**
 - H.R. 2567 McGarvey (118th)
- **No Hunger Kids in Schools Act**
 - H.R. 3112 Porter and Aguilar (118th)
- **Healthy Meals Help Kids Learn Act**
 - H.R. 1269 McGovern/ S. 3093 Heinrich (118th)
- **Expanding Access to School Meals Act**
 - H.R. 3113 Porter (118th)
- **The School Hunger Elimination Act**
 - H.R. 4525 Casey (118th)
- **Stop Child Hunger Act**
 - H.R. 1269 Levin and Hayes (118th)
- **Summer Meals Act**
 - H.R. 9406 Larsen, Peltola, and Smith (118th)



Federal Bills to Support: Expand Food Access for our Youngest Children

- **Early Childhood Nutrition Improvement Act**
 - H.R. 6067 Bonamici (118th)
- **Child Care Nutrition Enhancement Act of 2023**
 - H.R. 5569 Landsman/S. 3294 Casey (118th)
- **Wise Investment in Children Act**
 - H.R. 3364 DeLauro/S. 1604 Casey (118th)
- **Modern WIC Act**
 - H.R. 2424 Fitzpatrick/S. 984 Gillibrand (118th)
- **Summer Meals Act**
 - H.R. 9406 Larsen, Peltola, and Smith (118th)



Strengthening Food Systems and Food Banks

Food Banks are a vital part of our interconnected food system. The uncertainty of the past few years has displayed the importance of ensuring our food bank is well-poised to respond to a myriad of needs in the community. Unfortunately, California has a wildfire season, and these annual events place a high responsibility on food banks to act as emergency food responders. Agriculture is another key aspect of our food system. We continually strive for even furthered partnerships with our local food producers and legislative efforts to ensure the system as a whole has the funding and resources needed to meet the growing food insecurity in California.

- **Funding CalFood Ongoing at \$60 Million**
 - The CalFood Program allocates State funding to food banks for purchasing, storing, and distributing food grown and/or produced in California.
- **Edible Food Recovery Grants**
 - AB 337 (Bennett)
- **Food Donation Tax Credit**
 - SB 353 (Alvarado-Gil)
- **Farmers Feeding America Act**
 - H.R. 6203 Salinas, Panetta/S. 2713 Casey (118th)

Policy Partnerships for Hunger Solutions

Effective policy solutions stem from strong partnerships. The focal point of our advocacy model is to center the lived experiences of our community advocates into each aspect of the legislative process. As a community organization focused on ending hunger in partnerships with our community, we strive to work closely alongside our elected officials, CBOs, coalitions and community members to identify the root causes of food insecurity in our region and implement strategic solutions.

To get involved or for questions, please contact our Advocacy and Policy Manager, Hailey Argueta-Solares, at hsolares@foodbankccs.org or 925-917-6200.