



March 14, 2014

Assemblymember Mark Stone  
California State Assembly, Chairman of the Human Services Committee  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Assembly Bill 1930 (Skinner) - Support**

Dear Chairman Stone,

California Food Policy Advocates (CFPA) supports Assembly Bill 1930 (Skinner) which would improve low-income students' access to CalFresh nutrition benefits and help support them through school. The bill would require county administrators to screen for all exemptions to the student work rule, including participation in the Community College Extended Opportunities Programs and Services (EOPS) program.

CFPA is a statewide policy and advocacy organization dedicated to improving the health and well-being of low-income Californians by increasing their access to nutritious, affordable food. One of CFPA's goals is to ensure that eligible Californians have access to and participate in the federal nutrition programs, including CalFresh.

Over the past two decades opportunities for low-income college students to escape poverty and climb into the middle class have narrowed. AB 1930 supports students in accessing proper nutrition as they focus on completing their education, improving their likelihood of success. For these reasons, CFPA supports AB 1930 and requests your 'Aye' vote.

Sincerely,

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California Food Policy Advocates

cc: Tony Bui, Office of Assemblymember Nancy Skinner (Author)  
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