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Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzales
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814
Via email: bridget.kolakosky@asm.ca.gov

Re: Support for AB 1516

Dear Assemblywoman Gonzales,

I am writing on behalf of California Food Policy Advocates (CFPA) to express our support for AB 1516, which would provide a young child special needs supplement of \$80 per month per child 0-3 years old in CalWORKs households and establish a fund to help fulfill the unmet diaper needs of low-income communities.

CFPA is statewide policy advocacy organization dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of low-income Californians by increasing their access to nutritious, affordable food. We recognize that while the economy may be recovering, millions of Californians are still struggling to meet their most basic needs. For instance, according to data from the UCLA Center for Health Policy, at least 4 million low-income Californians could not consistently afford enough food in 2011-12. Diapers for young children, like nutritious meals for all family members, are a necessity.

CFPA envisions a healthy and food-secure California for all. Ensuring that families have ready access to essential resources, such as food and diapers, helps households to lead healthy, productive lives – and keeps struggling Californians from falling further into poverty. For these reasons, we support the changes put forth in AB 1516.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tia Shimada".

Tia Shimada
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