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The Honorable Mark Leno
State Capitol
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RE: Support for SB 935


Dear Senator Leno,

California Food Policy Advocates (CFPA) writes in strong support of SB 935, which would raise the minimum wage in California to \$13 an hour by January 1, 2017 and on an ongoing basis thereafter to reflect inflation. As an organization committed to improving the health and well-being of low-income Californians through increased access to healthy and affordable food, CFPA supports policy action aimed at increasing household income and therefore purchasing power. A minimum wage that more accurately reflects the cost of living in California will improve Californians' ability to purchase sufficient and nutritious food.

CFPA recognizes that employment no longer ensures economic stability; 40 percent of all CalFresh households have income from earnings. Many CalFresh participants are underpaid or underemployed. SB 935 would address those challenges by ensuring that on an ongoing basis all workers receive a minimum wage that is reflective of inflation.

CFPA thanks you for introducing SB 935.

Sincerely,


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