Food Assistance Should Be Strengthened, Not Cut: Your Constituents Rely on It.

People Struggling to Make Ends Meet in District 50

In District 50, 200,106 individuals live below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level and are therefore likely to struggle with meeting basic needs, including enough nutritious food.

A family of 4 below 185% FPL will make less than $4,039/month ($48,470/year)

27% of District population

People Relying on Food Assistance in District 50

SNAP (CalFresh): 19,745 households (8%) depend on SNAP
- 1 in 3 households have seniors (age 60+)
- 68% of households have children

Free & Reduced Price School Meals: 61,071 students (52%) rely on free or reduced price school meals

Women, Infants, & Children (WIC): 16,114 (6%) families rely on WIC

Food Banks/Pantries: 10,873,407 total pounds distributed

Food Resource Inquiries (calls to 2-1-1): 7,025 calls seeking food assistance

People Accessing Food Assistance in San Diego

An estimated 486,000 people living in San Diego County, or 1 in 7 people, don’t have access to enough food or enough nutritious food.

91% of all food assistance comes from federal nutrition assistance programs.
SNAP (CalFresh) accounts for 57% of all nutrition assistance in San Diego County.

Economic Impact of Federal Nutrition Assistance Programs

Federal nutrition assistance programs bolster local economies and support private retailers.

- **426 retailers** in District 50 would be impacted by cuts to SNAP (CalFresh).
- **WIC brings an estimated $1.3 million** to District 50 each month.
- **SNAP (CalFresh) generated $783 million** of economic activity in San Diego County in 2019.

Racial (in)equality

Communities of color are disproportionately food insecure. In District 50:

- **23%** of all households are **Hispanic** and account for **39%** of SNAP recipients.
- **65%** of all households are **white**, and account for **49%** of SNAP recipients.