Food Assistance Should Be Strengthened, Not Cut: Your constituents rely on it.

**People Struggling to Make Ends Meet in District 51**

In **District 51**, 308,724 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)**

**43%** of District population

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**People Relying on Food Assistance in District 51**

- **SNAP (CalFresh)**
  - 35,674 households (18%) depend on SNAP
  - 1 in 3 households have seniors (age 60+)
  - 65% of households have children

- **Free & Reduced Price School Meals**
  - 66,836 students (79%) rely on free or reduced price school meals

- **Women, Infants, & Children (WIC)**
  - 28,581 (13%) families rely on WIC

- **Food Banks/Pantries**
  - 19,398,062 total pounds distributed

- **Food Resource Inquiries (calls to 2-1-1)**
  - 13,046 calls seeking food assistance

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**Economic Impact of Federal Nutrition Assistance Programs**

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

- **553 retailers** in **District 51** would be impacted by cuts to SNAP (CalFresh).

- **WIC** brings an estimated **$2.2 million** to **District 51** each month.

- **SNAP (CalFresh)** generated **$783 million** of economic activity in San Diego County in 2019.

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**Racial (in)equality**

Communities of color are disproportionately food insecure.

In **District 51**:

- **63%** of all households are **Hispanic** and account for **75%** of SNAP recipients.

- **8%** of all households are **African American**, and account for **10%** of SNAP recipients.

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**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.