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

#### People Struggling to Make Ends Meet in District 53

In **District 53**, 195,470 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)**

[25% of District population]

#### People relying on Food Assistance in District 53

- **SNAP (CalFresh)**: 19,595 households (7%) depend on SNAP
  - 1 in 3 households have seniors (age 60+)
  - 63% of households have children

- **Free & Reduced Price School Meals**: 63,132 students (56%) rely on free or reduced price school meals

- **Women, Infants, & Children (WIC)**: 12,404 (5%) families rely on WIC

- **Food Banks / Pantries**: 15,656,120 total pounds distributed

- **Food Resource Inquiries (Calls to 2-1-1)**: 15,782 calls seeking food assistance

#### Economic Impact of Federal Nutrition Assistance Programs

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

- **404 retailers** in **District 53** would be impacted by cuts to SNAP (CalFresh).

- **WIC brings an estimated $512 thousand** to **District 53** each month.

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

#### Racial (in)equity

Communities of color are disproportionately food insecure. In **District 53**:

- **26%** of all households are **Hispanic** and account for **41%** of SNAP recipients.

- **8%** of all households are **African American**, and account for **17%** of SNAP recipients.

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