NO SENIOR HUNGRY

The No Senior Hungry Omnibus Amendment Act of 2021 takes a comprehensive approach to addressing senior food insecurity.

THE PROBLEM

- About 12,000 District seniors lack consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life.
- Seniors have higher rates of food insecurity due to fixed incomes, heightened barriers to accessing food, and increased rates of social isolation, & more.
- Food insecurity has heightened consequences for seniors. Adequate nutrition is essential to the prevention and management of chronic health conditions which are higher in the senior population.
- Number one need identified by 2016 DCOA Needs Assessment was Knowing What Services are Available.

THE SOLUTION

- The No Senior Hungry Omnibus Amendment Act of 2021 creates an interagency task force charged with developing a City-wide response to senior food insecurity that coordinates between agencies and maximizes the effectiveness and reach of services.
- Develops a comprehensive communications plan for senior nutrition services to ensure that we are using all available resources to connect with isolated seniors
- Increases SNAP participation among seniors
- Adds home-delivered meals and medical nutrition therapy to medicaid waiver

14.3% of seniors in the District are food insecure. The city is leading the country, and not in a good way.

14 is the approximate number of nutrition programs available that seniors need to know about.

HOW TO HELP

Ask Councilmember Anita Bonds to hold a public hearing on the legislation. Make the request by telephone at 202-724-8198, by email at housing@dccouncil.us, or on Twitter @AnitaBondsDC.