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The Honorable Josh Becker, Chair
Senate Human Services Committee
1021 O Street, Room 6520
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1325 (Jones) CalFood Program.

Dear Chair Becker and Members of the Senate Human Services Committee,

The California Catholic Conference SUPPORTS SB 1325 (Jones) as amended on 3/25/26. This bill would require the CalFood Program to provide food and funding for the provision of emergency food to food banks that are members of the nonprofit organization Feeding America that are based in California or members of the California Association of Food Banks.

The primary function of food banks is the distribution of food to low-income households. Everyone deserves healthy food to live a full, healthy life. Yet millions of hardworking families still face hunger—and when people don't have enough to eat, it impacts their health, education, and future opportunities. Hunger exists everywhere—no community is untouched.

Catholic Charities is one of the largest social service providers in the U.S., they feed over 12 million people annually through approximately 2,500 food sites, including pantries and school programs. Catholic Social Teaching views access to nutritious food as a fundamental human right rooted in human dignity. Feeding those who are hungry is a core tenet, viewed not as charity, but as a moral obligation and requirement of faith.

For these reasons as the official public policy voice for the Catholic Church of California, we request that you vote "AYE" on SB 1325. Should you have any questions regarding our position please contact Linda Wanner, Director for Social Justice & Environmental Stewardship at 916.208.4462.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathleen Domingo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathleen Domingo
Executive Director

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