



March 15, 2024

The Honorable Corey Jackson  
P.O. Box 942849  
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**RE: AB 1967 (Jackson) -- SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Jackson,

On behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, I write in support of AB 1967. This legislation seeks to create a Food Insecurity Officer (FIO), who would be tasked with coordinating and addressing food insecurity throughout state government operations.

CalFresh, California's name for the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), is an invaluable tool to fight food insecurity and poverty. This assistance helps over 110,000 San Franciscans, including 18,000 children, afford food every month.

Yet, 1 in 10 San Franciscans is food insecure. This amounts to 88,000 people total, 9,000 of whom are children.

Households that receive SNAP are 30% less likely to experience food insecurity. SNAP is also one of the more effective ways that the government can stimulate a lagging economy—every extra dollar in SNAP benefits generates returns in economic activity. Despite its benefits, SNAP enrollment in California lags behind other states such as Oregon, Washington State, and Texas. Only 70% of eligible Californians and 59% of eligible workers participated in CalFresh in 2018.

It is time for us to eradicate food insecurity, and ensure that Californians across our state no longer need to worry where their next meal is coming from. As such, I support AB 1967.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "London N. Breed".

London N. Breed  
Mayor

CC: Member, Assembly Public Safety Committee  
Members, San Francisco State Legislative Delegation