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AB 826 (Santiago): Establishes a one-time fund to provide emergency food assistance for low-income persons negatively impacted by COVID-19, regardless of legal status.

COVID 19 does not discriminate, yet immigrants and communities of color were already more likely to suffer from underlying health conditions, now <u>putting themselves on the line as the essential workers sustaining California through this crisis</u>. As a result, communities of color and immigrants have disproportionately been affected by the pandemic, losing their jobs or <u>even their lives to COVID-19</u>.

Congress has enacted 4 relief packages to provide resources to the state, local governments, first respondents and those impacted, these proposals have excluded any form of economic relief for undocumented immigrants and their families. The economic crisis is making food insecurity more acute among immigrant families. It is estimated that one in four adults in families with noncitizens (25.5 percent) reported experiencing food insecurity in the previous 30 days, compared with 16.8 percent of adults whose family members were all citizens.

The CARES Act provided additional resources to prevent families from going hungry, however, the lapse of funding and inaction of Congress will further place economic stress on low-income families.

<u>The Trump Administration has made clear that it will let children go hungry</u>. We need California to help make sure everyone has enough to eat, regardless of legal status.

AB 826 seeks to provide some level of relief to immigrant families and prevent them from going hungry by establishing a temporary emergency food assistance fund.

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