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## Support SB 1847

(Biss – Collins – Steans – Delgado – Bush)

### Federally Funded Food Assistance for Working Families

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#### What Does SB 1847 Do?

Many parents working low-wage jobs do not qualify for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly Food Stamps) and struggle to put adequate, healthy food on the table for their children.

SNAP benefits are 100% federally funded.

#### SB 1847 accomplishes this by increasing Illinois' gross income limit for SNAP eligibility from 130% to 165% FPL.<sup>1</sup>

26 other states -- including Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota -- have already exercised the option under Federal law to increase their gross income limits above 130% FPL.

SB1847 will put \$60 million into the hands of consumers to spend at local food retailers.

**2 million people**  
in Illinois  
currently  
receive SNAP



#### Impact on Families

- Over 90% of the SNAP benefits would go to households with earnings and over 82% to households with children.
- The average SNAP benefit for working families that are helped is about \$100 a month (1/5<sup>th</sup> of their monthly food budget).

Moody's Analytics estimates that every dollar increase in SNAP benefits generates about \$1.70 in economic activity.

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<sup>1</sup> Illinois' gross income limit for a household that includes an elderly or disabled member is 200% of FPL.

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# Supportive Organizations

Access Living

AIDS Legal Council of Chicago

Center on Tax and Budget Accountability

Chicago Coalition for the Homeless

Eastern Illinois Food Bank

Equip for Equality

EverThrive Illinois

Feeding Illinois

Greater Chicago Food Depository

Health & Medicine Policy Research Group

Heartland Alliance for Human Needs and Human Rights

Illinois Action for Children

Illinois African American Family Commission

Illinois Coalition for Community Services

Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights

Illinois Collaboration on Youth

Illinois Commission on the Elimination of Poverty

Illinois Hunger Coalition

Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living (INCIL)

Illinois Public Health Institute

Northern Illinois Food Bank

Ounce of Prevention Fund

Project IRENE

Safer Foundation

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VOICES for Illinois Children

Women Employed

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