Support SB 1847  
(Biss – Collins – Steans – Delgado – Bush)  
Federally Funded Food Assistance for Working Families

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.¹

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.

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 (1/5th of their monthly food budget).

¹ Illinois’ gross income limit for a household that includes an elderly or disabled member is 200% of FPL.

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

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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
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