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## RE: AB 1968 - CalFresh: enrollment for senior citizens (Support)

To Dr Aragon,

On behalf of the California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO), representing the appointed physician health officers of California's 61 city and county jurisdictions, we would like to express our recommendation to **SUPPORT AB 1968**. On April 3, 2024, CCLHO voted to approve the support recommendation. AB 1968 will –

- Reduce barriers for seniors to access Cal Fresh.
- Enhance the ability for seniors who live on a fixed income and may have increased medical expenses to have better access to food.
- Potentially increase access for seniors that deal with cognitive impairment issues affecting their ability to take advantage of such programs.

CCLHO was established in statute in 1947 to advise the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), other departments, boards, commissions, and officials of federal, state and local agencies, the Legislature, and other organizations on all matters affecting health. CCLHO membership consists of all legally appointed physician health officers in California's 61 city and county jurisdictions.

Sincerely,

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