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Senator Susan Talamantes Eggman
Chair, Senate Budget Subcommittee 3
on Health and Human Services
Legislative Office Building
1020 N Street, Room 502
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for Various Proposals for Investment at March 3rd Hearing

Dear Chairperson Eggman:

On behalf of SPUR, I am writing in support of a number of the investments outlined in the March 3, 2022 agenda related to increasing access to our food safety net and strengthening the support that safety net provides.¹

Specifically, we support the proposals titled:

- **California Fruit and Vegetable Supplemental Benefits Expansion** (Page 27) to help make healthy food more affordable for CalFresh participants, while also supporting California farmers
- **Food4All California Food Assistance Program (CFAP) Expansion to All** (Page 26) to provide CalFresh benefits to Californians, regardless of their immigration status
- **Food Bank Resources: Bolster the CalFood Program to Mitigate Increased Hunger** (Page 27)

We are also looking forward to learning more about some of the other proposals, including the proposal titled "Expanded EBT Access at Certified Farmers' Markets", as they develop.

If there's any additional information I can get you about our position on any of these items, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Eli Zigas
Food and Agriculture Policy Director

¹ "March 3, 2022 - Proposals for Investment - Various Departments,":
https://sbud.senate.ca.gov/sites/sbud.senate.ca.gov/files/March_3_2022_Sub_3_Proposals_for_Investments_Agenda_Final.pdf