**Please send a support letter – On your letter head**

**Sample Support Letter – Senate Bill 282 (Wiener)**

**Send Email To:** mark.teemer@Sen.Ca.Gov or by fax (916) 266-9350

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**Date \_\_\_\_Please Submit by March 4**

Honorable Scott D. Wiener

Chair, Senate Human Services Committee

1020 N Street, Room 521

Sacramento, CA  95814

**RE: Support SB 282 (Wiener) – The Reducing Hunger Among Vulnerable Californians Act of 2017**

Dear Chairperson Wiener:

[**Name of Your Organization**] supports your bill, Senate Bill 282 (Wiener), which will increase access to prepared food for low income homeless, elderly or disabled Californians and create real job opportunities for childless homeless adults.

Despite our state having the fastest overall rate of job growth in the country, many Californians remain unemployed or under-employed and hungry. They have limited access to publicly funded assistance while real job prospects move further and further out of reach.

SB 282 will increase access to jobs and reduce hunger among these vulnerable adults by:

• Requiring the Department of Social Services to seek a federal waiver that would allow counties participating in CalFresh E&T to offer subsidized employment to ABAWDs and;

• Codifying the CalFresh Restaurant Meals Program (RMP) and clarifying that counties can target the program to certain regions or food retailers.

For these reasons, [**Name of Your Organization**] supports SB 282 and looks forward to helping you secure passage of this important measure.

Sincerely,

**Your Name and Title**

CC: Jessica Bartholow, Western Center on Law and Poverty (Sponsor)

Cathy Senderling-McDonald, County Welfare Directors Association of California (Sponsor)