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Below is a 499 mailer about Congresswoman Doris Matsui addressing food insecurity in her community.

Hello Friend,

Many of our neighbors struggle with food insecurity and hunger, and I am dedicated to making sure that we address these issues across our community. That's why I want to update you on the actions I've recently taken to ensure every family has access to affordable and nutritious food.

One in five Californians have limited access to adequate food. That number includes far too many children and the most vulnerable among us. No child should ever go hungry, and no parent should ever have to choose between feeding their families and making ends meet. Here in the Sacramento region, we have focused on food security and nutrition as being crucial pieces to positive health outcomes. That means a comprehensive strategy to keep our students nourished in school and at home.

For many children, school lunches are their only guaranteed meal in a day. The facts are clear children need three meals a day to grow and thrive. That is why I cosponsored H.R. 3204, the *Universal School Meals Program Act*, which would give free breakfast, lunch, dinner, and a snack to every student in kindergarten through high school, regardless of income status.

Food insecurity doesn't end when students leave school. That's why I cosponsored the *Stop Child Hunger Act* in the 117th Congress, which would provide eligible families with free and reduced school meals and an electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card when school is not in session. Most recently, I cosponsored H.R. 3183, the *Enhance Access to SNAP (EATS) Act* which would waive work requirements for college students and make SNAP benefits more accessible.

Expanding access to affordable and nutritious food is a top priority of mine. Please rest assured that I will always support robust funding for food security programs and make sure we provide for the needs of our children and families.

Sincerely,

DORIS MATSUI Member of Congress

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