

# RELEASE: GRACE/ECPCA & CaWIC Association Joint Statement on Opposing SNAP Restrictions and Supporting Fully Funding WIC

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-- Statement attributable to Karen  
Farley, Executive Director of the  
California WIC Association, and Shimica  
Gaskins, President and CEO of  
GRACE/End Child Poverty California,  
regarding the Fiscal Year 2024 bill for  
Agriculture, Rural Development, Food  
and Drug Administration:

We urge Congress to both fully fund  
the Special Supplemental Nutrition  
Assistance Program for Women,  
Infants, and Children (WIC), and reject  
any efforts promoting a policy of  
limiting food choice in the  
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance  
Program (SNAP).

SNAP is the country's most important  
anti-hunger program and the  
nutritional benefits of this program  
have been well documented. It has  
also been well documented that the  
best way to improve the nutrition of  
low-income households is to reduce stigma in the current program and to increase the benefits  
provided in the program. The proposal to pilot restricting food purchases endeavors to do  
neither.

[WIC served nearly a million Californians in 2023](#), and more than half (54%) of all infants born in  
California were certified by WIC in 2018. Full funding for WIC is urgently needed to ensure  
continuity of the nutrition, breastfeeding, and other critical supports that pregnant and



parenting adults, and babies, rely upon every day.

Funding for WIC is in no way related to funding for SNAP, and the programs should not be pitted against one another.

Policymakers have a responsibility to keep America's children fed and ensure their long-term health and success. WIC must be fully funded, and SNAP recipients must be allowed to continue make their food purchasing decisions based on the needs of their family.

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