

**Community College League of California**  
**DRAFT DISTRICT RESOLUTION**  
**In Support of H.R. 4065, the Food for Thought Act.**

**WHEREAS**, California's community college students face an acute affordability crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, over half of all California Community College students have problems obtaining food or eating a balanced meal; and

**WHEREAS**, thirty percent of California's community college students that reported food insecurity were assessed as being at the very lowest level of food security; and

**WHEREAS**, forty percent of California Community College students state that they have run out of food with no money to buy more; and

**WHEREAS**, forty percent of community college students say that they have skipped or reduced the size of their meals due to financial reasons; and

**WHEREAS**, twelve percent of California Community College students have reported that they did not eat during a full day in the prior month; and

**WHEREAS**, a majority of California's community college students are financially independent and have obligations outside of school such as work and family; and

**WHEREAS**, Community colleges enroll more low-income Pell Grant recipients than do CSU, UC, and California's nonprofit colleges combined. Yet CSAC's aid programs currently provides little to no support for community college students and the community colleges lack the means to generate aid in the way that UC and CSU do; and

**WHEREAS**, forty percent of California Community College students who reported food insecurity say they are already working over twenty hours a week; and

**WHEREAS**, students who experience food insecurity report grades of C or below at higher rates than students who do not experience food insecurity; and

**WHEREAS**, being able to access nutritious, balanced meals is essential to both having a fully realized life and academic success; and

**WHEREAS**, the primary focus of a student should be passing his or her classes, not having to miss classes for work or trying to determine where their next meal is coming from; and

**WHEREAS**, the Food for Thought Act, introduced by Congressman Adam Schiff would create a pilot program to be run by the United States Department of Agriculture to provide a free meal program for community college students; and

**WHEREAS**, a free meal program would help our students take more classes and become more academically successful; and

**WHEREAS**, the bill mandates California's community colleges to provide information to eligible students on federal food assistance programs through campus outreach allowing for a decrease in the social stigma that accompanies such aid; and

**WHEREAS**, the CEOs of California's community colleges have formed an Affordability, Food, and Housing Access taskforce that has pinpointed food insecurity of one of the major affordability challenges that impact our students.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that **DISTRICT NAME** hereby urges the Congress of the United States, to pass H.R. 4065, the Food for Thought Act.