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## **Congress Can Strengthen the Food Stamp Program**

### **Teleconference Wednesday, May 16 at 10:00 a.m. (Pacific Time) for Media Only**

SACRAMENTO – Congress will soon begin work on reauthorizing the Food Stamp Program, which provides nutrition assistance to 2 million low-income Californians – primarily families with children. On average, food stamps provide a benefit of \$1.09 per person per meal in California, but their purchasing power has not kept pace with the cost of living, and the amount of food families can buy is declining.

The California Budget Project (CBP), a nonpartisan, public policy research group, will release a new report, “Congress Can Strengthen the Food Stamp Program,” which will review the impact of the nation’s primary anti-hunger program on California and outline options for improving it.

The report will be released on Wednesday, May 16 and available at [www.cbp.org](http://www.cbp.org). At 10:00 a.m. Wednesday (PDT), the CBP will hold an audio teleconference for reporters, editors, and columnists to discuss the report.

**WHAT:** Audio teleconference on “Congress Can Strengthen the Food Stamp Program”

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**WHEN:** Wednesday, May 16 at 10:00 a.m. (PDT)

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