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Senator Cathleen Galgiani
Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture
1020 N Street, Room 583
Sacramento, CA 95814

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RE: AB 2335 (Ting): Healthy Stores Refrigeration Grant Program – Support as amended on 5/25/2018

Dear Senator Galgiani:

CAFF is pleased to support AB 2335, which would create the Healthy Stores Refrigeration Grant Program to provide grant incentives to corner stores and other small-scale stores with a limited selection of food products to purchase energy-efficient refrigeration.

Eligible businesses would agree to stock fresh produce in the purchased refrigeration units. Additionally, this bill would update the Nutrition Incentive Matching Grant Program to protect it from federal insecurity and improve implementation.

Food deserts are neighborhoods where residents have low access to supermarkets. Typically these neighborhoods are low-income urban areas, and residents have no choice but to get their groceries from corner stores, many of which do not stock fresh produce.

AB 2335 would bring healthy food options to communities that are low-income and lack accessibility to grocery stores and increase the sales of California's specialty crop farmers. For these reasons, we support AB 2335.

Sincerely,

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cc: Assemblymember Phil Ting (Jessica.Duong@asm.ca.gov)