



June 19, 2018

The Honorable Nancy Skinner
State Capitol, Room 2059
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1138 (Skinner) Healthy Food Options
AAP-CA Position: Support

Dear Senator Skinner,

The American Academy of Pediatrics, California (AAP-CA), representing over 5,000 California pediatricians, strongly supports your proposed legislation SB 1138 (Skinner) to require hospitals and prisons to offer plant-based meals.

California has more youths confined in its juvenile correctional system than any other state in the country. While many public institutions in California already offer plant-based meal options, it is not yet required of prisons and hospitals. Offering a plant-based diet would help respect the religious and dietary needs, reduce our carbon footprint and save money. A plant-based diet may also be healthier, depending upon available other options.

Pediatrician members of AAP California Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4 statewide strongly support your proposed legislation SB 1138. Thank you for your public service and leadership on behalf of the health and wellbeing of children, youth, and families in California.

Sincerely,

Kris Calvin
Chief Executive Officer, American Academy of Pediatrics, California

cc: AAP-CA Leadership; Lobbyist Lydia Bourne