



MA HUNGER FREE CAMPUS COALITION

Please co-sponsor Amt. #134: \$1M for the Hunger Free Campus Initiative filed by Rep. Arena-DeRosa

S.835/H.4453 sponsored by Senator Lovely, Rep. Domb, & Rep. Vargas

- **37% of public college students are food insecure**, with disproportionate impacts on Black, Latinx, LGBTQ students, and student parents. **Only 20% are enrolled in SNAP.**
- Affordability in MA continues to strain students' budgets. With more students enrolling in community colleges and public universities, investments in nutrition and basic needs security have never been more essential to student success.

The Hunger Free Campus Initiative allows the Dept. of Higher Ed to support projects for eligible campuses including:

- notifying students of eligibility for federal food assistance benefits (SNAP, WIC)
- establishing on-campus EBT-SNAP vendors and meal-sharing programs
- funding for SNAP enrollment staff
- creating anti-stigma campaigns

Let's remove hunger as an obstacle to successful college graduation and ensure that critical workforces like healthcare and education can operate at capacity in MA.



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