

## Memorandum in Support

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A. 6632

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S. 9033

By: Senator Rivera

Assembly: Social Services

Senate: Social Services

Effective Date: Six months after becoming law

**AN ACT** to amend the social services law, in relation to establishing a state-funded supplemental nutrition assistance program to provide for the state’s immigration population.

**LAW AND SECTIONS REFERRED TO:** Social Services Law is amended, adding new section 95-b

The New York State Bar Association supports A.6632/S.9033 which would establish “SNAP for All”, a state-funded supplemental nutrition assistance program to provide for the state’s immigration population. NYSBA has long been in support of policies that assist in reducing poverty and improving health for all low-income New Yorkers. In 2022, the New York State Bar Association report on Racial Justice and Child Welfare supported economic interventions that reduce poverty-driven family destabilization.<sup>1</sup> In 2023, the NYSBA Task Force on Racism, Social Equity, and the Law recommended dismantling structural economic exclusion rooted in race and immigration status.<sup>2</sup> Most recently, in April of 2026, NYSBA’s House of Delegates adopted the Committee on Immigration Representation’s Report which details support for a number of immigration related policy initiatives, including this bill, “SNAP for ALL”. The Report expresses the need for a holistic approach to supporting immigrant New Yorkers, particularly during a period of such unprecedented executive actions which have led to the reshaping of long-standing immigration frameworks.

One key finding of the Report is that State and local policy materially shapes access to justice, including public-benefit programs. SNAP has proven not only to enhance food security but also to improve health outcomes, stimulate local economies, and reduce poverty. Roughly 800,000 New Yorkers are excluded from SNAP for no other reason than their citizenship status.

All New Yorkers deserve equal access to vital food assistance. Arbitrary barriers and purposeful exclusions contribute to disproportionately higher rates of poverty and food insecurity in immigrant households. This bill would create a State-funded program to restore SNAP benefits

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<sup>1</sup> *Report and recommendations of the Committee on Families and the Law Racial Justice and Child Welfare* (Approved by the New York State Bar Association House of Delegates on April 2, 2022) (<https://nysba.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Committee-on-Families-and-the-Law-April-2022-approved.pdf>)

<sup>2</sup> *Report and Recommendations of the New York State Bar Association Task Force on Racism, Social Equity, and the Law.* (Approved by the New York State Bar Association House of Delegates on January 20, 2023). (<https://nysba.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/NYSBA-Taskforce-on-Racism-Social-Equity-and-the-Law-11.11.22-FINAL-with-changes-accepted.pdf>)

with state dollars for families who lost SNAP under immigration restrictions, such as limits on work visas, Temporary Protected Status, asylum, U visas and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status. It would also provide SNAP benefits to those who lose federal benefits.

Regardless of one's citizenship status, access to food and nutrition is a basic human right. The "SNAP for All" act will ensure that every New Yorker has this right. Based on the foregoing and the attached report, the New York State Bar Association supports A.6632/S.9033 and urges its passage.