



MA HUNGER FREE CAMPUS COALITION

Please Co-Sponsor Amendment #689



Provides \$2M in the FY26 budget for the Hunger Free Campus Initiative, including through Fair Share revenues

Filed by Senator Joan Lovely (D-Salem)

- **44% of public college students in MA faced food insecurity at some point in 2023**, with disproportionate impacts on Black, Latinx, LGBTQ students, and student parents
- **Only 25%** of food-insecure college students are enrolled in SNAP

The Hunger Free Campus Initiative

empowers community colleges and public universities to advance hunger-relief programs on campus, including:

- enrolling eligible students in federal nutrition benefits such as SNAP and WIC
- establishing on-campus EBT-SNAP vendors and meal-sharing programs
- leveraging partnerships with food pantries and food recovery organizations
- creating awareness and anti-stigma campaigns

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



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Learn more at www.hungerfreecampusma.org



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Action for Boston Community Development	Merrimack Valley Food Bank
American Red Cross of Massachusetts: Boston Food Pantry	Middlesex Community College
Amherst Survival Center	Mount Wachusett Community College
Berkshire Community College	North Shore Community College
Benjamin Franklin Cummings Institute of Technology	One Family, Inc.
Boston Food Access Council	Project Bread
Boston Mayor's Office of Food Justice	Roxbury Community College
Bridgewater State University	The Salem Pantry
Bristol Community College	Salem State University
Bunker Hill Community College	Springfield College
Cape Cod Community College	Springfield Technical Community College
Central West Justice Center	Success Boston
College of the Holy Cross	Swipe Out Hunger
Food Bank of Western Massachusetts	The Greater Boston Food Bank
Food for Free	The Open Door
Framingham State University	uAspire
EatWell Meal Kits	UMass Chan Medical School
Greenfield Community College	UMass Extension Nutrition Education Program
Hildreth Institute	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Holyoke Community College	University of Massachusetts, Boston
Junior League of Boston	University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth
Massachusetts College of Art and Design	University of Massachusetts, Lowell
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	Westfield State University
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute	Worcester County Food Bank
Massasoit Community College	Worcester State University
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