

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

While I support efforts to increase participation in the Food Stamps program through improved outreach efforts and more streamlined administrative requirements, I am unable to support Assembly Bill 2205 as it would expand eligibility for food stamps increasing state costs by tens of millions of dollars. Our state continues to face a significant structural deficit. Accordingly, the outreach and eligibility expansions proposed by AB 2205 are more appropriately addressed in the budget.

For this reasons, I am returning AB 2205 without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger