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# IINE Advocacy Calls to Action



## Defend Food Security for Refugees

**Level:** State

**Branch:** Legislative and Executive

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**To:** [Your State Senator]

**Subject Line:** Please co-sponsor S.117 to defend food security for refugees

Dear Senator [Last Name]:

I'm writing to urge you to co-sponsor and support Bill S.117, recently introduced by Senator Sal Dominico, to defend SNAP benefits and maintain essential support for refugees and other humanitarian immigrants in Massachusetts.

Without your action, 10,000 refugees, asylees, and victims of human trafficking or domestic violence (VAWA) are at imminent risk of losing the short-term SNAP benefits that keep them from going hungry. These are residents who escaped terrible hardships and went through intense vetting to live and work in our communities. Providing them with the basic support they need right now to survive is an investment in their self-sufficiency and ability to contribute to our communities.

Please consider taking leadership on this important protection for Massachusetts residents in need.

Thank you,

[Your Name]

[Your Full Address]

[Your Phone Number]

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**To:** [Your State Representative]

**Subject Line:** Please co-sponsor S.117 to defend food security for refugees

Dear Representative [Last Name]:

I'm writing to urge you to co-sponsor and support Bill H.207, recently filed by Rep. Cabral, to defend SNAP benefits for refugees and other humanitarian immigrants in Massachusetts.

Without your action, 10,000 refugees, asylees, and victims of human trafficking or domestic violence (VAWA) are at imminent risk of losing the short-term SNAP benefits that keep them from going hungry. These are residents who escaped terrible hardships and went through intense vetting to live and work in our communities. Providing them with the basic support they need right now to survive is an investment in their self-sufficiency and ability to contribute to our communities.

Please consider taking leadership on this important protection for Massachusetts residents in need.

Thank you,

[Your Name]

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## Governor's Office

Submit a comment to Governor Healey's Office: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/email-the-governors-office>

You can email the same message to

- [EOHHS Secretary Mahaniah](#)
- [DTA Commissioner McCue](#)

and to the tri-chairs of the Governor's new Anti-Hunger Task-Force,

- [EOHHS Assistant Secretary Allison Bovell-Ammon](#)
- [EOE Director of Communications Alana Davidson](#)
- [MDAR Commissioner Ashley Randel](#)

Dear [[Leader's Name](#)]:

I am writing to urge you to ensure that the upcoming FY27 House 1 Budget and an FY26 Supplemental Budget include critical support for immigrant and refugee families in Massachusetts.

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Specifically, I'm asking you to please:

- Ensure continued state funding of food assistance (SNAP benefits) for legally present immigrants, so no family faces hunger because of federal restrictions.
- Include funding for immigrant and refugee-serving organizations to provide legal assistance for those who are eligible to apply for lawful permanent resident (LPR) status. Gaining LPR status restores eligibility for federally funded SNAP and Medicaid, reducing long-term state costs and strengthening community stability.

Thank you for your leadership, and I look forward to your action on this urgent priority.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Full Address]