**DRAFT TALKING POINTS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**Help Spread the Word to your Constituents:**

**There is plenty of food and essential supplies.**

**Grocery stores will remain open through these tough times.**

**Please Buy Smart & Don’t Overfill Your Cart.**

**#Enough4All**

**Talking points:**

* We all have been frustrated when we see bare shelves when grocery shopping.
* Widespread uncertainty has caused consumers to buy more than they need during this naturally stressful time.
* But I want to be clear: the bare shelves you are occasionally seeing does not indicate lack of supply. The supply chain is strong, but stores need a chance to catch up and restock.
* Next time you go shopping please buy only what you need for a week. There is no need to over buy. This will help stores catch up with the increased demand.
* Think of it this way: Buy Smart. Don’t Overfill Your Cart. There is enough for all.
* Californians can be confident that grocery stores will remain open and that food and essential supplies remain plentiful.
* The men and women at grocery stores and distribution centers throughout the state are working very hard right now to make sure you and your neighbors have what you need.
* They are working extra hours, away from their families. I know I speak for all of us when I say “thank you” and “we appreciate your hard work.”
* Please, next time you shop take a moment to say “thank you” to them. I know they will appreciate it.
* And if anyone is looking for a job, please look into opportunities at your local grocery store or distribution center, they have thousands of open positions.
* Hiring is increasing for both stores and distribution centers to ensure product moves as quickly as possible to store shelves.
* We are all looking for some normalcy in our lives and going back to our typical shopping patterns is an important part of that.
* And remember: There is enough for all of us if we just buy smart and don’t overfill our carts.
* Join me in encouraging friends and neighbors to Buy Smart. Don’t Overfill Your Cart.