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OPINION

Our hungry senior citizens

Re "Food stamp policy faulted," July 6

Thank you for the excellent analysis of the adverse impacts of California's policy of denying food stamps to low-income seniors.

With California's high rents, low-income seniors all too frequently face the choice of paying the rent and going hungry or buying food and falling behind in the rent.

Shelter Partnership's Homeless Older Adults Strategic Plan, released in March 2008, found that the number of homeless older adults in Los Angeles County is increasing.

The state's archaic policy of denying food stamps to Supplemental Security Income recipients only increases that number.

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