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Statement of the New York City Coalition Against Hunger

All companies that receive taxpayer subsidies should pay living wages, provide full benefits, and allow collective bargaining. They should also fully serve the community in which they are based.

In exchange for this pay-out of scarce tax dollars, *Fresh Direct should also be required* to accept EBT food stamps benefits and be directed to serve a broader array of Bronx neighborhoods, including low-income food deserts.

Because the *hard-earned tax dollars of Bronx residents* are supporting this effort, *all* Bronx residents should be able to directly obtain food that is fresh.