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Opposition to Senate Bill 501—Committee on Public Health and Welfare

Chairman Hilderbrand and members of the Committee:


I am submitting this testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 501

I have been a resident of Kansas since 1990 and I have retired from a fortune 100 corporation in 2004. I have volunteered with Harvesters over 30 years and have seen the food insecurity that affects Kansans a little less fortunate than some of us. Recently I have moved to De Soto, Kansas and volunteer at our local food pantry also. The folks we serve are part of the 12.1%+ food insecure Kansans. They are not gaming the system they just need a hand up.

My wife and I ask for your thoughtful consideration and vote in opposition to this bill that will cost Kansas taxpayers tens of millions of dollars, increase food insecurity among working poor Kansas families and put additional pressures on community food pantries trying to help their neighbors. It will increase food insecurity and overwhelm the charitable food pantries in Kansas. I will also make these important family support programs more costly and less effective, further overburdening Kansas' charitable food pantries.

Do the right thing for our underserved Kansan neighbors.

Sincerely,



David Williams