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Food Assistance Applicant
Senate Bill 95 -Testimony for Public Health and Welfare Committee

Dear Senator Vicki Schmidt and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts about Senate Bill 95.

I support Senate Bill 95 because it will help to reduce the length of time it takes to complete a food assistance application and start receiving benefits.

When I applied for food assistance, it took most of the day. I arrived at the DCF office in Wyandotte County around 8:00 a.m. I waited in line with about twenty-four others before being given an application to complete. After completing my paperwork I was told to wait until being called to speak with a worker. I sat in the waiting room until past 3:00 p.m. to see someone. Once I was able to meet with a DCF worker, it only took around fifteen minutes for them to review and approve my application.

I do not think a person should have to wait six-eight hours to complete an application for food assistance. If there was an option to apply for food assistance with a voice signature by phone, it would save a lot of time.

I thank the Public Health and Welfare Committee for the opportunity to speak here today.

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