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Opposition to Senate Bill 501—Committee on Public Welfare

While working at the Fredonia Food Bank, I have become aware of the food insecurities many Kansans face. Especially those with children. While looking over SB 501, it seems that this is going to require quite a lot more paper work for the family. If this is not turned in, then the family will NOT receive the help they need for their children!!! I do not know how anyone in Florida would know about the struggles Kansans face at this time!!! Kansas insecurity rate is 12.1% and SE Kansas is one of the worst areas!! Food Pantries are already working hard to keep shelves full and many times the food is not available for us to even get! So how will we be able to take up the slack this bill will create??? Many recipients of SNAP work outside the home if babysitting is reasonable, but still cannot make ends meet.

Please, vote NO on Senate Bill 501 and give our families a chance.

Thank you!

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