



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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**I am Support of this Bill by providing fresh food, fruits and vegetables to all Missourians.**



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Founded in 1901, Empower Missouri advocates for the well-being of Missourians through civic leadership, education, and research. As part of our work, we organize a state wide coalition called the Food Security Coalition. This coalition is made up of individuals and organizations who are working to ensure every Missourian has access to healthy and nutritious food and that Missouri has a strong safety net for those who need it. We thank Rep. Ian Mackey for sponsoring House Bill 594. HB 594 would extend the SNAP Farmer's Market Program, which this body originally passed in 2014. It was never funded within the Missouri budget but was able to run from the summer of 2016 through December 31, 2019 through a grant to the Mid America Regional Counsel (MARC). Their program, called Double Up Food Bucks, provided additional SNAP money to certain families in certain counties to buy fruits and vegetables directly from local farmers' markets. MARC found much success in running this program. According to the Department of Social Services, between 2016-2019 approximately \$959,156 in SNAP benefits were spent at participating Farmer's Markets. As shown above, the additional money to help buy fruits and vegetables was extremely beneficial for the families and the farmers in our state. It is clear that good nutrition is important for establishing a solid foundation for children's health and future educational success. Having access to fruit and vegetables is imperative to living a healthy life. Additionally, it is a win for our economy as the money is directly paid to local farmers in our communities. Especially at a time when families are struggling to feed their families and farmers are struggling to make a sustainable income, this type of program is a win-win for all involved. Empower Missouri, and the Food Security Coalition, support bills like HB 594 which will strengthen Missouri's safety net, ensure families have more access to healthy food, and support local farmers. We are asking you, to please vote Do Pass on HB 594.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>NANCY GIDDENS</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-230-6203</b>	
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March 8, 2021 Missouri House Agriculture Policy Committee The Honorable Don Rone, Chairman Dear Chairman Rone and Members of the Committee: I am writing to share the support of the American Diabetes Association for House Bill (HB) 594. The American Diabetes Association®, the nation's leading voluntary health organization fighting to bend the curve on the diabetes epidemic and help people living with diabetes thrive, recognizes the importance of access to fresh fruits and vegetables as a key component of a healthy lifestyle. HB 594 extends the SNAP Farmer's Market Program, previously passed in 2014 and funded through a (non-state) grant. Access to fresh fruits and vegetables is a key component to combatting food insecurity. Research shows that food insecurity in all its forms is a major risk factor for type 2 diabetes. Eliminating food insecurity would go a long way toward reducing the burden of diabetes. It is difficult to manage your diabetes if you can't afford the right foods. HB 594 would provide increased access to Farmer's Market's while extending the reach of the SNAP program up to ten dollars (the double up bucks program) Healthy eating can help lower the risk of chronic diseases including diabetes. According to the 2015—2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans, healthy eating patterns include: a variety of vegetables; fruits, especially whole fruits; grains, at least half of which are whole grains; fat-free or low-fat dairy; protein foods, including seafood, lean meats and poultry, eggs, legumes (beans and peas), unsalted nuts and seeds, and soy products; and oils. Research has shown that increased access to healthy foods corresponds with healthier dietary practices. Diagnosed diabetes costs the state of Missouri \$6.7 billion. Programs such as the SNAP Farmer's Market Program help those with diabetes and those with prediabetes manage eating habits and encourages healthier choices. On behalf of the 11.5% of Missourians with diagnosed diabetes we urge your support of HB 594. Sincerely, Veronica De La Garza American Diabetes Association Director, State Government Affairs vdelagarza@diabetes.org or 1-800-676-4065, ext. 6017



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