



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: HB 1730		DATE: 2/20/2024
COMMITTEE: Special Committee on Public Policy		
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As the largest and oldest anti-poverty non-profit in our state, Empower Missouri is committed to improving the quality of life for all Missouri residents through advocacy. As part of our work, we organize a statewide 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. As you may know, over 12% of Missourians struggle with food insecurity. In our urban centers and in many rural counties in our state that percentage is even higher. Our food pantries are one of the first lines of defense for those struggling with food insecurity. These organizations rely on donations of food and money to be able to provide for the thousands of individuals they see every month. Providing additional support to these entities through tax credits is one way to increase the help they can provide to families and individuals in communities across Missouri. Missouri has a long history of using tax credits to incentivize businesses, create jobs, increase economic activity and support community organizations. By passing HB 1730, the legislature again can support these community organizations and decrease food insecurity as well. We respectfully ask this committee to vote for HB 1730.



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Operation Food Search would like to go on record in support of House Bill 1730. Founded in 1981, Operation Food Search (OFS) is a hunger relief organization that provides free food, nutrition education and innovative programs proven to reduce food insecurity. We provide food and other services to 200,000 people monthly – one-third of them are children – through a network of 330 community partners in 42 Missouri and Illinois counties. Operation Food Search is a food bank that collects food and distributes them to over 200 agencies. The food we deliver feeds over 200,000 people per month, about 1/3 of which are children. Most of the partner agencies are food pantries. Donations are a key way to support local food pantries and this bill will help encourage the public to donate to their local food pantries. Please support this bill so food pantries can continue their good work fighting against food insecurity in communities across Missouri.



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On behalf of the six regional Feeding Missouri food banks and the over 1,200 hunger-relief partners that provide emergency food to Missourians, we support the provisions in HB 1730. The challenge every year for hunger-relief programs is to raise enough funding to buy and secure enough food to meet growing needs. This provision would help put additional resources in the hands of those partners and onto the tables of neighbors that need it most. We urge you to support this provision and help local pantries, shelters, and soup kitchens provide assistance to our most vulnerable neighbors.



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I am Opposed to this Bill and giving away of "Tax-Credits."