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I am in Support of this Bill and its intension. The Bills makes sense and is Good State Public Policy.



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February 24, 2025 To: Chairman McGirl and The House Ways and Means Committee From: Christine Woody Food Security Policy Manager Empower Missouri Re: House Bill 828 My name is Christine Woody and I am the Food Security Policy manager for Empower Missouri. We are a statewide non-profit organization that leads a statewide coalition on food security and food access. Many of our coalition members work for or volunteer for food pantries in Missouri. These charities are one of the first lines of help for those struggling with food insecurity in our state. Each of these pantries rely on donations of food and money to be able to provide for the thousands of individuals that come through their doors every month. For many years the Missouri Donated Food Tax Credit has allowed food pantries a way to incentive donors to give. Currently there is \$1.75 million dollars available in this fund. For the past few years that cap has been reached and that is when the problem has begun. Once the fund is depleted, everyone who applied for the fund will only get an apportioned credit (less than what they applied for or were expecting). This difference in expectation and reality ends up being taxes still owed to the state, and rightly so. Those taxes should be paid, but the problem lies in what happens next. Instead of letting the taxpayer know they still owe some taxes and providing them some time to make that payment, they are automatically hit with late charges and interest. This is penalizing people whose goal was to help alleviate hunger. These late charges and interest charges discourage donors from donating again and in the end hurt the very nonprofits and the very people this tax credit was created to help in the first place. House Bill 828 would not relieve the taxpayer from paying taxes they owe but gives them time to pay it without imposing additional fees or interest. It really is the only fair and just thing to do for taxpayers and food pantries. On behalf of all of the members of our coalition, I am urging you to pass this bill through the committee.



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Missouri Society of CPAs supports providing a grace period for taxpayers to pay balance due on their taxes that is caused by allocated credits exceeding the statewide cap.



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I am here today to advocate for HB 828, a bill that is crucial in our mission to transform hunger into hope. Nearly 925,000 individuals in our state are facing hunger, including over 250,000 children. Feeding Missouri, along with six regional food banks and over 1,200 community and faith-based partner agencies, is committed to providing emergency food assistance, but we need the support of our community members to meet the growing demand. Charitable contributions are essential to ensuring our hunger-relief partner agencies can continue delivering vital nutrients and other resources to food-insecure Missourians. Unfortunately, the current tax structure disincentivizes potential donors by penalizing them for their attempts to support non-profit agencies and those they serve. Moreover, it creates additional hurdles for these organizations as they attempt to explain the complexities of the tax system, making it even more difficult for them to fulfill their mission. HB 828 is a straightforward solution. It empowers taxpayers to support local hunger relief efforts without fear of financial consequences. Furthermore, by passing this bill, you are fostering a culture of giving that allows food banks and pantries to continue offering emergency food and other resources to some of our most vulnerable populations. I ask that you strongly consider the positive impact this bill, and those similar to it, will have on our communities and their ability to build a stronger, more resilient Missouri. Feeding Missouri stands ready to support you and answer any questions you may have.



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Associated Industries of Missouri supports this bill that prevents a taxpayer from being penalized when they properly use a tax credit and the tax credit limit is exhausted, resulting in an underpayment by the taxpayer.