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The Missouri Society of Certified Public Accountants support the changes in this bill. These changes will protect taxpayers from being assessed penalties for underpayment of taxes that they had no control over. Also linking the due date of the tax credit return to the federal due date will alleviate confusion on the years that April 15 falls on a weekend or federal holiday.



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Empower Missouri is 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 incentivize 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 begins. 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. Of course 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, the state automatically hits them 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 intended to help in the first place. Senate Bill 67 would not relieve the taxpayer from paying the 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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Tax payers who give generously to Food Pantries do not know if the funds have been depleted when they make their contribution. To punish them with no notice whatsoever is deplorable. SB 67 will rectify this practice.



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My name is Meredith Jackson and I am the Program Director for Isaiah 58 Ministries. We are a St Louis-based social service agency serving those living in hunger and poverty in near-South City St Louis. We serve food 5 days a week, through our food pantry and fresh food distributions, as well as free clothing, educational events, and special events throughout the year. Our food pantry relies on donations from individuals and organizations. For individuals, the Missouri Donated Food Pantry Tax Credit is a fabulous incentive for giving to our work. Unfortunately, when the annual fund cap (\$1.75 million dollars) is reached, taxpayers are unexpectedly penalized with late charges and interest when they aren't able to receive the full credit they applied for. Penalizing our donors who just want to do good work is not necessary. When the fund is depleted, Senate Bill 67 would not relieve the taxpayer from paying taxes they owe but gives them time to pay it without imposing additional fees or interest. This revision to the process is fair and just for taxpayers and food pantries.



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Thank you for allowing me to submit written testimony supporting SB67. My name is Stephanie Cooper, and I am the Chief Executive Officer of Douglass Community Services in Hannibal, Missouri. My organization runs a food pantry located in Northeast Missouri that serves approximately 1000 individuals a month. While we leverage collaborations, contracts with the Food Bank of Central and Northeast Missouri and other resources, private donors make up a high percentage of the revenue needed to operate a food pantry. We have seen donors decline in recent years due to a variety of reasons, but for those that do make donations, one of the reasons they continue to donate is because of the access to food pantry tax credits. Without access to these credits, many of our donors would end their higher level of giving. Having the tax credits is very important to us, however, the issue begins when the funding is depleted. For those giving and expecting a full credit and don't receive one due to the cap creates confusion and misunderstanding. When donors are expecting the tax credit, don't receive full credit because the credit has been depleted, then the taxpayer becomes responsible for paying any taxes beyond the anticipated tax credit. The point here is that they are not notified that the tax debt may not be what they were expecting, and it becomes a burden. Citizens should pay their tax debt, there's no question about that, but not notifying a taxpayer of additional tax due and related interest and penalties is not the message we want to send to donors. The work to feed people that are hungry and often in poverty is difficult and costly enough but penalizing the very people that is ensuring food is coming through our doors isn't good business. Please consider passing this bill through the committee, it's the right thing to do.



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April 1, 2025 To: Representative Jeff Coleman and Members of the House Special Committee on Tax Reform
From: Victoria Barshis Re: Senate Bill 67

Good morning and thank you Members of the Committee for allowing me to share my testimony. I am a licensed clinical social worker in Missouri, and have seen first-hand how poverty and food insecurity affects both our rural and urban citizens, especially children and the elderly. Food pantries are one of the first lines of help for those struggling with food insecurity in our state, and they 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 incentivize 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 begins. 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. Of course 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, the state automatically hits them 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 intended to help in the first place. Senate Bill 67 would not relieve the taxpayer from paying the taxes they owe, but would give them time to pay them without imposing additional fees or interest. It really is the only fair thing to do for taxpayers and food pantries. On behalf of the citizens of Missouri, I am urging you to pass this bill through the committee.



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