

Testimony

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Written Only Testimony in Opposition to HB2381

As a practicing general pediatrician in Kansas City, KS, I can't emphasize enough the importance of food stamps. Adequate nutrition remains vital to the cognitive and physical growth of all children. More studies are showing the impact of starvation on developing brains and how food insecurity in the critical window period of 0-5 years old profoundly affects physical health and intelligence over a person's lifetime. [I understand the interest in holding individuals accountable for their actions but am concerned that food stamp provisions in the bill will inadvertently affect the health of children with no control over the actions of their parents.](#) Over 20% face of children face food insecurity in any given year even with food assistance. Limiting food assistance is risky and threatens Kansas' productivity, prosperity, and families.

I stand strongly against HB 2381 and thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,

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