

January 30, 2026

To: Senator Renee Erickson and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Government Efficiency

Re: Opposition to SB 428

Dear Chair Erickson and Committee Members,

As a Kansan concerned about household food insecurity given today's high grocery costs and other affordability concerns *and* disturbed by recent documented lawless overreach of the Department of Homeland Security, I am alarmed about SB 428's proposal to turn over Kansans' sensitive personal information. Research has demonstratedⁱ that these kinds of broad data-sharing agreements often depress safety-net participation of eligible US citizens even in times that pose less acute threat to mixed-status households; in today's climate, signaling to Kansans that DCF data about people who have even *applied* for a benefit such as SNAP would be turned over to federal officials, who could then use it for purposes other than—and even directly contrary to—those of the relevant program (e.g. SNAP), would almost certainly undermine our own policies. Most importantly, SB 428 would impose an unnecessary hindrance to food assistance for low-income U.S. citizen—and *Kansas*—children. With 1 in 5 Kansas children already facing food insecurityⁱⁱ—and food insecurity exacting a costly and damaging toll on people's health and future prosperity—the efficient way forward is to increase the efficiency of delivering affordable and nutritious food to Kansas families. Therefore, I respectfully request that you oppose SB 428. Thank you.



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ⁱ Boddupalli, A. (2025). *The New ICE-IRS Data Sharing Agreement Has Three Problems*. Washington, DC: The Tax Policy Center. Available from: <https://taxpolicycenter.org/taxvox/new-ice-irs-data-sharing-agreement-has-three-problems>; Gonzalez, D. & Bernstein, H. (2023). *One in Four Adults in Mixed-Status Families Did Not Participate in Safety Net Programs in 2022 Because of Green Card Concerns*. Washington, DC: The Urban Institute. Available from: <https://www.urban.org/research/publication/one-four-adults-mixed-status-families-did-not-participate-safety-net-programs>

ⁱⁱ <https://www.feedingamerica.org/hunger-in-america/kansas>