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Opposition to Senate Bill 501—Committee on Public Health and Welfare

Chairman Hilderbrand and members of the Committee:

I am submitting this testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 501. I am a lifelong Kansan, and I am a food bank volunteer. I know how hard Kansans are working to make ends meet.

SB 501 is an expensive and burdensome bill that seeks to overwhelm with paperwork struggling low-income families and the state workers trying to help them. The bill was introduced by an organization based in Florida whose only tie to Kansas is a paid lobbyist. But it is Kansas taxpayers who will be on the hook for tens of millions of dollars for this legislation that will only increase food insecurity in our state.

I ask for your thoughtful consideration and vote in opposition to this bill that will make these important family support programs more costly and less effective, further overburdening Kansas' charitable food pantries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Strathman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kevin Strathman