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NH House Finance Committee

Re: Support SB 603

Dear Chairman and members of the committee,

The NH Council of Churches supports SB 603 because ensuring food security and dignity for families who rely on SNAP to meet their basic nutritional needs is an important part of being an organized civil society. Hunger and food insecurity are not the path to a stable economy, obtaining an education, or creating safe, vibrant neighborhoods.

SNAP is one of the most effective anti-hunger programs in the nation.

At its heart, this bill is about staying true to our moral compass as a state. Families who rely on SNAP are already working, caring for children, elders, or people with disabilities, and making difficult tradeoffs every day. Let's not undermine SNAP's critical role as a nutrition assistance program grounded in dignity and respect.

If our shared goal is ensuring access to nutrition, the evidence points toward strengthening benefits, expanding access to food, supporting school meals, and addressing the root causes of food insecurity, not allowing SNAP to fade away.

The NH Council of Churches respectfully urges you to vote "ought to pass" on SB 603.

Respectfully,
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