

Georganna (Angel) Cushing
Opponent of HB 2564

Dear Chairman Rahjes and members of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee,

I am opposed to HB2564 *“Establishing a farm to food bank program to expand the availability of Kansas agricultural food products for the state of Kansas' emergency food system.”*

I am an agriculture producer who markets to immigrant populations.

There is a large homeless population near a place we patron in Topeka. I have had occasion to speak with homeless people as they pass by that business.. None that I have spoken to are from the Topeka area. When I asked them why they chose Topeka, each one told me it was because of the abundance of food provided by local missionaries and churches.

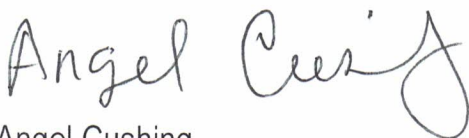
This legislation will attract more homeless people and invite many illegal aliens that are now pouring across our southern borders.

The proposed budget for HB 2564 is \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2025. I expect the budget will require additional funding before the end of the fiscal year to feed the growing homeless populations. Those financial demands will continue to grow as word is spread among homeless encampments.

This legislation does nothing to solve the problems of homelessness. It does not provide treatment for drug addiction. It does not help them gain employment. Nor does it solve the problem of the economic disadvantaged that our pouring across our southern border.

More effort should be put into preventing the cause of homelessness, instead of feeding it.

Sincerely,



Angel Cushing