

PROTECT AND ENHANCE SNAP

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), known in Iowa as Food Assistance, is a federal USDA program that provides nutrition benefits to supplement the food budgets of low-income families and individuals.

DMARC supports:

- protecting SNAP from policy changes that would create barriers to accessing benefits
- state investment in the Double Up Food Bucks (DUFEB) program, which incentivizes the purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables by SNAP participants

SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR HUNGER-FIGHTING ORGANIZATIONS

While purchases of food are already exempt from sales tax in the state of Iowa, DMARC and other organizations do pay sales tax on other products that help us fulfill our mission, such as vehicles, coolers and freezers, and office supplies.

DMARC supports:

- **SF 205/HF 370**—an act exempting food banks, food pantries, and other hunger-fighting organizations from the state sales tax

ELIMINATE THE SALES TAX FOR DIAPERS AND PERIOD SUPPLIES

Iowans do not pay sales tax on the purchase of food, and we believe diapers and period supplies (tampons, pads, etc.) are also basic human necessities that should be exempt from sales tax.

DMARC supports:

- **SF 173**—an act exempting the sale of period supplies and diapers from sales tax

INCENTIVIZE LOCAL FOOD PURCHASES BY SCHOOLS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Locally-grown food can carry a premium that makes their purchase cost-prohibitive for schools and nonprofit organizations, who end up purchasing imported fruits and vegetables.

DMARC supports:

- creating a fund to support the purchase of locally grown food products by schools and nonprofit anti-hunger organizations

ADDRESS THE CHILD CARE CLIFF EFFECT

Parents should not have to choose between keeping their Child Care Assistance and accepting an increase in pay. A raise of just 15 cents an hour could put a family at risk of losing their benefits.

DMARC supports:

- increasing income eligibility for child care assistance from 145% FPL to 185% FPL and implementing a tiered co-pay system

STREAMLINE FOOD RESCUE AND DONATION TAX CREDITS

Creating incentives to donate fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy items, protein products, and other foods that are in high-demand by food banks and pantries would help reduce both food waste and food insecurity in the state of Iowa.

DMARC supports:

- simplifying the Farm to Food Bank Tax Credit process to increase program participation
- establishing an enhanced tax credit for the donation of healthy food products such as dairy, fruits, vegetables, and protein items

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