



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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January 11, 2018

To: The Honorable Chris Kapenga and Senate Committee on Public Benefits, Licensing and State-Federal Relations

Regarding: SB 624

Dear Chairman Kapenga and Committee Members,

I am representing the Lutheran Office for Public Policy, a statewide advocacy ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We advocate for just policies, especially related to hunger and poverty based on our social statements and Christian scripture.

I speak against SB 624 because securing a photo ID would create a barrier for many people to receive FoodShare. Traveling to obtain a photo ID would be challenging for individuals who are elderly and have disabilities. We are also concerned about how seniors and persons with disabilities will be able to designate another individual to purchase food via FoodShare for them if a photo ID is required on the EBT card.

Because of the profound problem of poverty in our state we need to do more to build a safety net for people who are hungry rather than place more barriers in front of them to receive the food they need. We could use the money SB 624 asks us to spend on other needed programs.

We speak against of SB 624.

Sincerely,

Pastor Cindy Crane, Director

Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.
Matthew 25:45