Written Testimony on S.215 Vermont Senate Health And Welfare Committee By Zachary Hughes.

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Three important things today

Let's improve this program

The point of three squares is to help people

Let's talk about this

Stigma

Who here used to associate food stamps with someone of a lower class

Who here thought the people on food stamps were just using the system?

Lastly, who here thought that people on food stamps should get a job?

I use the term food stamps on purpose because it is a stigma Vermont was wise to change the name to three squares

Here is the reality

People who are on three squares come from all walks of life.

It is okay to ask for help

Three squares every time it's used gives back to the economy! This is the part that people miss! So let's give a boost

Let's let's introduce expansion to restaurants under the proposed bill Let's look at streamlining anything we can to improve this vital benefit! Lastly let's be creative as we go about this!

Respectfully Submitted Zachary Hughes January 30,2024.