

Vermont Foodbank FY2023

Budget Public Hearing

Please support the Vermont Foodbank with an appropriation of \$6 million for fiscal year 2023 to address ongoing increased food security needs.

I am here today to share some of my experiences:

Take a walk with me. Take a walk with me today in the Northeast Kingdom, the town of Newport. I am a resident of Newport and work with elders and disabled adults and provide support and delivery of food resources including items from the monthly Veggie Van Go. The level of joy and appreciation for healthful, nutritious and palatable food.

Sometimes the question, “What’s for dinner?” is not a conversation. Rather, “Is there dinner?” becomes the topic of discussion in many households. Without the continued resources supplied for the Vermont Foodbank, with the escalating grocery costs and continuing to climb the question of is there dinner could be asked in more homes. Newport could benefit from additional resources and nutrition education.

For neighbors, for families, for the community –

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