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RE: HB 4088

Central City Concern (CCC) is a non-profit direct service organization that provides integrated primary and behavioral health care, supportive and affordable housing, and employment services to people impacted by homelessness, poverty and complex health needs in the Tri-County area. Central City Concern operates about 2,100 units of affordable housing, serves 9,000 patients annually through our 13 Federally Qualified Health Centers, makes 1,200 job placements annually and operates social services for the community justice programs in Multnomah and Clackamas counties. **Our programs and properties span Senate Districts 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25; and House Districts 33, 36, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48 and 50**

We are so excited to see HB 4088, it can help us improve SNAP benefit utilization by including hot food options. For many of our clients who are currently experiencing homelessness, the limitations of SNAP benefits can make it difficult to fully utilize the benefit when food must be cooked or otherwise prepared in a conventional kitchen. HB 4088 recognizes this challenge and calls for a workgroup to move Oregon towards greater food security by researching and planning for the implementation of the SNAP Restaurant Meals Program.

We want to thank Representative Campos for your leadership in this work.

Please vote "YES" on HB 4088