

Chair Lively, Vice Chair Ruiz, Vice Chair McIntire, and members of the House Higher Education Committee,

My name is Banda Abdoul, I am an international student at Lane Community College, and I am here today to speak in support of HB 3089.

Free food is essential for us. For myself, it helps me a lot. When I arrived here in the USA I spent too much money on food and it cost me a lot .for barely a month I had no more money for myself. Luckily I met a friend and he let me know that we give free food to students at school. Sincerely said the latter saved my life then I had nothing left in me so it was difficult for me to ask for money from my family in my home country. According to them, when I arrive in the United States, I no longer need to ask them for money again because everything is here. It's really sad that they think so. Also, I don't have the right to work here. How am I going to get out of such a situation?