

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

**SB98**

Bill as  
Introduced

SB 98-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

21-1020  
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SENATE BILL        **98-FN**

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COMMITTEE:      Health and Human Services

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**SB 98-FN- FISCAL NOTE  
AS INTRODUCED**

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STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
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<b>Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Expenditures</b>	\$0	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0
<b>Funding Source:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Highway <input type="checkbox"/> Other			

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# Committee Minutes

**SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE**  
**Health and Human Services**

Sen Jeb Bradley, Chair  
Sen James Gray, Vice Chair  
Sen Kevin Avard, Member  
Sen Tom Sherman, Member  
Sen Rebecca Whitley, Member

Date: January 28, 2021

**HEARINGS**

Wednesday	02/03/2021
(Day)	(Date)
Health and Human Services	REMOTE 000
(Name of Committee)	(Place)

9:00 a.m.

(Time)

9:00 a.m.      **SB 98-FN**      relative to the SNAP incentive program.  
9:15 a.m.      **SB 97**      adopting omnibus legislation relative to health insurance.

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**SB 97**

Sen. Hennessey

Griffin Roberge 271-3042

Jeb Bradley  
Chairman

# Senate Health and Human Services Committee

*Kirsten Koch 271-3266*

SB 98-FN, relative to the SNAP incentive program.

Hearing Date: February 3, 2021

Time Opened: 9:05 a.m.

Time Closed: 9:54 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Bradley, Gray, Avard, Sherman and Whitley

Members of the Committee Absent : None

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Who supports the bill: *To see the complete sign-in sheet please contact Senate Health and Human Services Committee Legislative Aide, Kirsten Koch, at [kirsten.koch@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:kirsten.koch@leg.state.nh.us)*

Who opposes the bill: None

Who is neutral on the bill: Molly Lynch, DHHS; Shannon Ouellette.

## Summary of testimony presented in support:

### Senator Whitley

#### *NH Senate District 15*

- The SNAP Incentive Program operates under the food stamp program. It allows shoppers to purchase fresh produce with a dollar-match. Therefore, recipients can purchase fresh produce at half price.
- The benefits to the SNAP Program are it will bring more money into the local economy, provide health benefits to recipients, and new opportunities for local farmers to sell their produce. This is a triple win.
- SNAP incentives are already available in NH and are available at farmers markets and 18 grocers through Granite State Market Match (GSMM) and Double-Up Food Bucks, who are privately funded programs of the SNAP incentive program.

- SB 98-FN provides that a modest state investment of \$150,000 will create infrastructure in state government to be able to draw down additional federal dollars and broaden access to the SNAP Program.
- Senator Bradley said, the fiscal note provides \$150,000 appropriation. What would be your anticipation if this were to be approved in the future?
  - Senator Whitley said she anticipates that the amount would be something similar to \$150,000 and there is data to match that estimate.

**Allan Reetz – submitted written testimony**

*Director of Public & Government Affairs, Hanover Co-op Food Stores*

- Hanover Co-op has three stores in NH and has become the second largest food co-op in the United States. In early 2018, Hanover Co-op became one of the largest Double-Up Food Bucks retailers in New England. Mr. Reetz said Hanover Co-op saw immediate impact and people quickly signed up for the program with a level of need that was surprising. SNAP recipients visiting Hanover Co-op stores have spent over \$100,000 in fresh produce yet paid only half that price.
- NH needs more retailers to extend this program, especially in Nashua, Manchester, and in the seacoast area. This request for \$150,000 is necessary to make progress in those areas.
- Recipients want to eat healthy and stretch their dollar.
- SB 98-FN will double up on federal and state dollars.
- Senator Bradley asked, can you outline, as the manager of Hanover Co-op, how this works for your customers? How does a customer stretch their grocery dollars?
  - Mr. Reetz said that a SNAP recipient is someone who qualifies for benefits. When a SNAP recipient comes through a grocery line, there is a certain amount of anonymity that must be maintained for privacy. Shoppers qualify for the Double-Up Food Bucks and shop for appropriate purchases. A card is scanned so the system knows if their purchases qualify. They receive up to 50% off local produce, up to \$20 per day. This is a win for the summer produce season. Customers can afford to shop for local produce at small local stores.
  - Senator Bradley asked, so people have to pre-qualify for this initiative?
  - Mr. Reetz said, yes, they are SNAP recipients. Double Up Food Bucks is an initiative that is a partner to the SNAP program that focuses on fruits and vegetables.
  - Senator Bradley said, these questions of qualification can be asked of the DHHS too.
- Senator Sherman mentioned small grocers and asked, is this a win for small agriculture in NH too?
  - Mr. Reetz responded, yes and this is vital for small grocers in small towns. We are not alone in trying to fill this gap, and we are very fortunate. When there were shortages, stores like ours were critical for getting food to people who needed it during the time of COVID.
- Senator Bradley said he knows the challenges of being in the grocery business.

### *Coordinator, Granite State Market Match*

- The GSMM program that offers SNAP incentives directly to consumers and focuses on farm stands and local agriculture. SNAP incentives are now offered at 49 independent venues and 18 retailers. The SNAP Program allows individuals, who traditionally spent on food grown outside of NH or the US, to afford local produce.
- In 2020, the use of the program increased 22% and consistent across every county in the state. Over 3,000 households use GSMM to purchase produce.
- The program impacts the health and well-being of NH residents who otherwise cannot afford fresh produce. It is important for farmers to be able to sell to local communities and boost the local economy.

### **Morgan Morani**

#### *Program Coordinator, Seacoast Eat Local*

- Seacoast Eat Local operates farmers markets and farm stands that offer SNAP incentives.
- Ms. Morani shared anecdote about an EBT card recipient interested in the SNAP incentive program because she could not afford fresh produce.
- Senator Bradley, for this SNAP incentive program to work the retailer must accept the EBT card?
  - Ms. Morani said, yes. We offer a produce coupon at the farm stand.

### **Rebecca Woitkowski – submitted written testimony**

#### *New Futures*

- Access to fruit and vegetables is essential to children and families. Poverty in childhood increases state costs and effects lifelong health.
- SNAP incentives provide access to food that would otherwise be out of reach for individuals that cannot afford fresh produce. It also creates a sense of community with local producers and grocers, as well as a local economic boost.
- COVID-19 has especially placed insurmountable burdens on families.
- Ms. Woitkowski's written testimony includes over twenty letters of support for SB 98-FN.
- Ms. Woitkowski wanted to respond to an earlier question regarding future costs: programs are limited by funding, if the state were to approve \$150,000, the program cannot go beyond that. The program does not grow by participants, it grows by appropriated funding. This program exists in Massachusetts, which has \$8 million dollars invested in their SNAP incentive program, Maine, and Vermont. This is a very modest start.
- Senator Sherman said, we are in a budget crunch, in the middle of COVID, but also trying to make sure businesses are not in the hole. Could you comment on the economic benefit?
- Ms. W., said this is a positive economic benefit for businesses. If the state chooses not to do this, we risk losing federal draw down. There is also fundraising on a private level. The federal level is looking to give more money to states that have existing infrastructures for the program. This money goes to small retailers, farmers markets, and retailers.
- Senator Sherman said, right now we are talking about a \$150,000 general fund allocation. He then asked, would it be smart for us to make sure this program can receive charitable donations or federal funding without any speed bumps?

- Ms. W. said, that would be great. We also want to be sure there is not an administrative burden and federal funds can come down. Some programs are already able receive federal funds. I think the charitable funds are already taken care of with the infrastructure that exists.
- Senator Bradley said, that is a question for DHHS.
- Senator Whitely asked, do you have a sense of how much federal stimulus could come to NH?
  - Ms. W. said, there is a lot of national lobbying. We are determined, based on the need, and expanding programs in the state of NH.
- Senator Whitely, Would state level infrastructure show that need?
  - Ms. W. said, yes, other philanthropy organizations are interested in contributing funds to the state but did not because there is not state level infrastructure. Ms. W. stated she would like to not miss those opportunities again.

*Ms. W. later requested to testify for a second time during the hearing to clarify some topics discussed.*

- Ms. W. said, the appropriation does not mean every recipient can utilize the program. There is some risk to continued contributions. The reason the amount is \$150,000 is what we need to reach even more families and more people would be interested. There was a thought process to be conservative behind the \$150,000 request.

### **Tiffany Dodier – submitted written testimony**

*Dietician, NH Public Health Association*

- Ms. Dodier shared an anecdote about people in need of healthy food that cannot afford it.
- Infant milestones, IQ, immunity, and child behavior are all effected by diet quality. Antioxidants and beneficial compounds in fruit and vegetables are essential. There are 100,000 deaths that occur from eating too few fruits and vegetables. SNAP recipients eat up to five servings per day of fruit and vegetables per day.

### **Jess Gerrior**

- Ms. Gerrior shared an anecdote about herself as a mother who has used the food assistance programs in the past.
- Ms. Gerrior said, the SNAP program allows for food choice and NH has been responsive to those in need with this program.

### **Jessica Margeson**

- Ms. Margeson shared an anecdote about her daughter with celiac disease, who needs this program to get fruits and vegetables.
- Ms. Margeson wants to see more foods included in these programs.

### **Liz Alpern**

*Administrator, Double-Up Food Bucks*

- Administrator for the program in NH since 2017.
- Double Up Food Bucks does plan on obtaining private funds, state funds, and federal funds. Ms. Alpern wanted to clarify the state and federal funds are not the only source of funds.
- Double Up Food Bucks reached 8,000 NH families and there is much more need out there. Ms. Alpern wants to continue to grow the program.
- Ms. Alpern referred to written testimony that includes letters from local business that supported this program due to increased produce purchasing and enthusiasm seen in their shoppers.
- Senator Sherman asked:
  - (1) How big is your budget right now with just private funds?;
  - (2) Are you applying for federal match for those private funds?;
  - (3) Are you doing active marketing to reach more eligible recipients?
- Ms. Alpern said they are absolutely doing marketing. The NH Food Bank holds GSMM and both will apply to the federal match, and the application is due in March. The last application was submitted in late 2018. The private funds in 2020 allowed for \$95,000 for GSMM and \$100,000 at grocery stores. That's about \$225,000 in redemptions, and that gets doubled with federal dollars.

**Summary of testimony presented in opposition:** None

**Neutral Information Presented:**

**Molly Lynch**

*Legislative Liaison/Attorney, DHHS*

- Ms. Lynch virtually attended the hearing to answer any questions and she testified alongside Maureen Burke.

**Maureen Burke**

*NH SNAP Administrator, DHHS*

- Ms. Burke was available to answer any questions from the committee.
- Senator Sherman asked:
  - (1) Do we need have it written into statute that these programs may accept private donations and federal dollars in the line-item to maximize the funding? Do we need to modify the bill for this?
  - (2) Is maximizing funding critical to maximizing federal funding to be matched? Is it helpful to have all the funding in one account so that the federal match would be larger? .
- Ms. Lynch said, in drafting the FN we assumed we would be doing an RFA with the \$150,000. We would create objective criteria, appropriate the \$150,000, and then that amount would be matched with federal funds.

- Ms. Burke said, the SNAP programs would be participating in an incentive program grant. They organization would have to be a recipients of this grant. Then they can receive the federal matching funds. We would require the organization to have the grant.
- Senator Bradley asked, who is the 'organization' you are talking about?
  - Ms. Burke: The Double Up Food Bucks or the GSMM. These would be the organizations that applied for the funding.
- Senator Bradley asked, according to the FN, it would appear you already have these SNAP programs in NH. It appears there must be a way to accept private funding?
  - Ms. Burke said, GSMM and Double Up Food Bucks are the recipients for the funding.
- Senator Bradley asked, so there would be no need for an amendment to accept private or charitable donations?
  - Ms. Burke said, I don't think the state be able to do that.
- Senator Sherman, what would be the impact if we didn't do the \$150,000 allocation?
  - Ms. Burke answered that the \$150,000 could be matched federally. So the program would then be missing out on \$300,000.
- Senator Sherman said, we want to know where the dollars are going and to support small businesses. We talk a lot about giving blanket grants to people. He then asks if there is there any idea of how much need there is in NH and if \$150,000 is an appropriate allocation?
  - Ms. Burke said, there are 72,000 recipients in NH as of December 2020 and it would be available to them all statewide.
- Senator Sherman asked, so our allocation is \$2 per recipient?
  - Ms. Burke agreed.
- Senator Whitley asked, this is not providing additional burdens on the state, except for creating an RFP for the money to go out?
  - Ms. Burke said that is correct.
- Senator Whitley asked, as for receiving federal dollars, how is that coming in? is it for the SNAP incentive program or for the SNAP program at large?
  - Ms. Burke said she cannot answer that at this time.
- Senator Bradley asked, if we allocate \$150,000 and it is matched by federal funds, and then its \$300,000, and then it runs out, what happens to the individual recipient?
  - Ms. Lynch said, there would still be private funds raised for these programs. The programs would probably be in existence even if the federal funds ran out.
- Senator Bradley asked, are these programs in existence for foods other than fruits and vegetables? Would there be other food items eligible?
  - Ms. Burke said the program is only available for fruits and vegetables.



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Date: February 11, 2021

~~**EXECUTIVE SESSION**~~

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# Speakers

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Testifying</b>
Whitley Becky	An Elected Official	Senate District 15	Support	Yes
Lynch Molly	State Agency Staff	NH DHHS	Neutral	Yes
REETZ ALLAN	A Member of the Public	Hanover Co-op Food Stores	Support	Yes
Cornwell Brendan	A Member of the Public	Granite State Market Match	Support	Yes
Morani Morgan	A Member of the Public	Myself and Organization- Seacoast Eat Local	Support	Yes
Margeson Jessica	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	Yes
Burke Maureen	State Agency Staff	Myself	Support	Yes
WOITKOWSKI REBECCA	A Lobbyist	New Futures Kids Count	Support	Yes
Dodier Tiffany	A Lobbyist	NH Public Health Association	Support	Yes
Rejwan-Day Inbal	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Gould Sherry	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
McInnis Jennifer	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Rollo Mike	A Lobbyist	American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network	Support	No
Kennedy Marti	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Cochrane Eleanor	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Lanigan Cathy	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Hinebauch Melissa	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Wolff Kristina	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Bolster Elise	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Weinrebe Richard	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Ouellette Shannon	A Member of the Public	Myself	Neutral	No
Pedersen Michael	An Elected Official	Hillsborough 32	Support	No
Garland Cynthia	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Achorn Karen	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Ames Peter	A Member of the Public	Foundation	Support	No
Morris Tikatia	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
St.Martin Susan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Paradis Crystal	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No
Milliken Laura	A Lobbyist	NH Hunger Solutions	Support	No
Hennessey Erin	An Elected Official	SD1	Support	No
Shaffer Lindsey	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Freeman-Woolpert Julia	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Torpey Jeanne	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Gerrior Jess	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Freierman Rachel	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Moyer Joel	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Vaughan Nancy	A Lobbyist	American Heart Association	Support	No
Jones Jennifer	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Bigford Kathleen	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Ingram April	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Istel Claudia	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Hawk Heidi	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Mangipudi Latha	An Elected Official	Hills 35	Support	No
Pouliot Denise & Paul	A Member of the Public	Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook Abenaki People	Support	No
Hardie Hale Erin	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Markus Amy	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
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# Testimony



Submitted: February 3, 2021

I'm Allan Reetz, Director of Public and Government Affairs at the Hanover Co-op Food Stores. Our business is the second-largest food co-op in the United States. I am speaking in support of Senate Bill 98-FN.

I must admit, it is hard for me to imagine living day-to-day when every part of life is impacted by scarcity. I have never experienced a lack of food where stretching every dollar was all consuming.

Though the portrait of hunger is one I'm not able to accurately portray, what I can do is share some of what I know of the early success of the Double Up Food Bucks program in our part of New Hampshire.

In 2018, the Hanover Co-op became one of the largest Double Up Food Bucks retail locations in New England and New York. The team at our business accepted the challenge of integrating this proven initiative into our large operation. Then, we saw immediate impact. I'm *not* talking about impact to our bottom line, but in the lives of people-in-need who quickly signed up for the program. Sign-ups showed a level of need that surprised even us...a New Hampshire business that has sold groceries to people of all income levels since 1936.

To-date, since we joined the program, SNAP recipients visiting our stores have purchased over \$100,000 in fresh produce, yet paid only half that price.

New Hampshire needs more retailers around the state to help address the gap we are striving to fill every day. You have the power to extend this program into other local grocery stores. Nashua and Manchester need more coverage. I've learned there is only one Double Up retailer in the Seacoast area. This small request for \$150,000 can make progress in those areas.

People with limited incomes know the value fresh produce provides. At the Hanover Co-op, we've seen them jump at the chance to eat nutritiously and stretch their budget.

Let's use SB-98 to double up state and federal dollars and *spread the health*.

Thank you,

Allan Reetz  
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**Nourish. Cultivate. Cooperate.**



## **Kirsten Koch**

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**From:** Mark Meess <1nhmoose@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 1, 2021 4:47 PM  
**To:** Kirsten Koch

Good afternoon,  
I'm writing to indicate my strong support of SB 98..  
Thanks!  
Mark Meess,  
59 Greenwood Ave, Keene, NH 03431



American Heart Association.  
You're the Cure

**American Heart Association**  
2 Wall Street | Manchester, NH 03101

February 3, 2021

Senate Health and Human Services Committee  
Re: SB 98-FN; An act relative to the SNAP incentive program

Chairman Bradley and Members of the Committee;

The American Heart Association (AHA) is strongly in support of the state implementing an incentive program to encourage increased purchase and consumption of fruits and vegetables by participants of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). I thank the bill sponsor and co-sponsors for bringing SB 98 forward to leverage federal dollars to improve the nutrition of New Hampshire's most vulnerable citizens by increasing access to healthy food. Good nutrition is critical for a person's health and general wellbeing. Studies have shown increasing consumption of fruits and vegetables can reduce the risk for heart disease and type 2 diabetes.

Nearly two-thirds of SNAP beneficiaries are children, elderly & disabled individuals.<sup>1</sup> American children in general have less than ideal diets, the majority of their calories coming from sugary drinks and simple carbohydrates. It is estimated that one in three children born after 2000 will develop adult onset diabetes in his or her lifetime. An incentive program would help families stretch their benefits so they can buy fruits and vegetables, enabling children in families participating in SNAP to have a more nutritious diet, learn healthy behaviors and establish lifelong habits that will support their overall health and wellness.

States which have implemented a doubling of SNAP benefits through incentive programs call it a triple win because low-income families eat more healthy foods, area farmers gain new customers and receive an economic boost, and more of those dollars remain local, stimulating economic activity and opportunity in low-wealth communities.

A review by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities found that low-income adults participating in SNAP have lower overall health care expenditures and Medicaid/Medicare costs, compared to non-participants.<sup>2</sup> Surveys show that there is broad stakeholder support for policies that align SNAP purchases with broader health goals to improve diets and reduce food insecurity.<sup>3</sup>

Studies have found that incentives may lead to longer-term behavior change. A 2013 study found that participants who received a 50% discount on fruits and vegetables purchased more than 3 times as much, which translates into 50% more fruits and vegetables than those who did not receive the discount. The participants who received the incentive continued to report eating more fruits and vegetables four weeks after the discount program ended. A 2017 study found that providing education

about incentives increased their use and led to greater reported fruit and vegetable intake two months after the incentive program ended.<sup>4</sup>

The AHA suggests funding for the incentive program to be \$200,000 annually to adequately fund the program. We understand this is a difficult budget year, but the need of those depending on SNAP and the return on investment of this program would make the appropriation worthwhile.

I urge the committee to pass SB 98 and help create a healthy food environment for NH's most vulnerable citizens. Thank you and please consider me as a resource to you.

Submitted By:

Nancy Vaughan  
Director of Government Relations, NH  
American Heart Association

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## Kirsten Koch

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**From:** Birgitta McAlevey <birgittamcalevey@me.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 1, 2021 5:18 PM  
**To:** Kirsten Koch  
**Subject:** SB-98

The Honorable Chair, Jeb Bradley  
Senate Health and Human Services Committee  
State House  
Concord, NH 03301

Re: SB 98-FN

Dear Chairman Bradley and Members of the Committee,

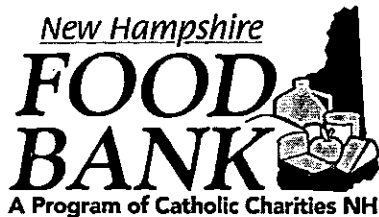
I write in strong support of SB 98-FN relative to the SNAP incentive program. Snap incentive programs are important for New Hampshire families and the economy. These programs allow SNAP recipients to receive a dollar match on fresh fruit and vegetables at grocery stores and farmers markets.

This is important to New Hampshire because it supports a healthy triple bottom line -(1) more healthy food for families, (2) better business for farmers, and (3) boost to local economy. The positive impacts of these programs are even more critical given the challenges COVID-19 has placed on families.

As a health and nutrition professional, I know firsthand the positive and important impacts of this program on the health and wellbeing of New Hampshire families, I urge the Committee to recommend SB 98-FN ought to pass.

Sincerely,

B. McAlevey  
Swanzey, NH



February 3, 2020

The Honorable Chair, Jeb Bradley  
Senate Health and Human Services Committee  
State House  
Concord, NH 03301

Re: SB 98-FN

Dear Chairman Bradley and Members of the Committee,

I am in support of SB 98-FN relative to the SNAP incentive program. These programs allow SNAP recipients to receive a dollar match on fresh fruit and vegetables at grocery stores and farmers markets. This gives NH Farmers an opportunity to access federal SNAP dollars, which traditionally are spent on food-produced either outside of NH or in many cases grown outside the US.

In 2011 we started offering SNAP incentives at three farmers markets. Now SNAP incentives are offered at 49 direct to consumer venues and 18 independent retailers, increasing access to fresh fruit and vegetables to SNAP customers throughout the state. This number of venues continues to grow monthly, with more farm stands and markets signing on.

In 2020 the use of the Granite State Market Match incentive program increased 22%, this increase is constant across every county in the state. Over 3000 SNAP households utilized the program to purchase fresh NH grown fruits and vegetables.

I know firsthand the positive and important impacts of this program on the health and wellbeing of New Hampshire families. As an example, a SNAP customer from the North Country expressed "it has been a struggle to fulfill the need for fresh produce on a shoe string budget. Words can not express my gratitude for the Market Match program that is now provided to SNAP customers like me. It has really changed my life in such a positive way."

I have collected data from farmers at the end of markets that have had 10% of their daily sales be in SNAP and Incentives, making it possible for them to then hire another employee and continuing that chain of local spending and investment. In the past year, when shutdowns changed everything, I worked with farms across the state to get them set up to accept SNAP. It is important to NH farmers to still be able to offer these important programs to their local community. This is important to New Hampshire because it makes healthy food more accessible for families, gives NH Farmers additional customers, and boosts the local economy. The positive impacts of these programs are even more critical given the challenges COVID-19 has placed on families. I urge the Committee to recommend SB 98-FN ought to pass.

If I can answer any questions for you about the Granite State Market Match or Double Up Food Bucks programs please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendan Cornwell  
New Hampshire Nutrition Incentive Network Coordinator  
New Hampshire Food Bank  
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# SNAP INCENTIVES IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

SNAP Incentives (also known as nutrition incentives), incentivize SNAP shoppers to purchase additional fruits and vegetables. In NH, when shoppers purchase fresh produce using their SNAP dollars, they receive a match of fruits and vegetables, dollar for dollar.

NH Currently offers incentives through two programs: Granite State Market Match (GSMM) and Double Up Food Bucks (DUFB)

GSMM: 49 farmers markets and farm stands throughout the state

DUFB: 18 independently owned retail stores



**Over 8000 SNAP households participated in an incentive program in NH in 2020**



**Granite State Market Match: \$95,870. This is a 22.1% increase in redemptions over 2019.**

**Double Up Food Bucks: \$130,275. This is a 57% increase in redemptions over 2019.**

**2020 Increasing Demand**

## SNAP Incentives provide a triple win for the Granite State:

- ✓ More money flowing in the local economy
- ✓ Health benefits for our most vulnerable populations
- ✓ New opportunities for local farmers

[www.doubleupnh.org](http://www.doubleupnh.org)  
[www.granitestatemarketmatch.org](http://www.granitestatemarketmatch.org)



**Kirsten Koch**

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**From:** Elizabeth A Trought <batrought@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 2, 2021 12:38 PM  
**To:** Kirsten Koch  
**Subject:** Support SB 98

We support Senate Bill 98 which directs the Department of Health and Human Services to implement SNAP incentive programs. This includes dollar for dollar match for fresh fruits and vegetables, with emphasis on locally-grown including:

- farmer's markets and food stands
- community supported agriculture sites
- and other food retailers.

Elizabeth & William Trought  
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Dorchester, NH 03266

## **Kirsten Koch**

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**From:** Sherry Gould <sherrygould@tds.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 2, 2021 7:55 PM  
**To:** Kirsten Koch  
**Subject:** SB 98

I signed up in support of SB 98 for the hearing tomorrow. I do not wish to speak, I simply wanted to indicate my support of the bill.

Sherry Gould  
Tribal Genealogist  
Nulhegan Band of Coosuk Abenaki  
Department of Cultural and Historic Preservation  
3210 State Route 114  
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February 3, 2021

The Honorable Chair, Jeb Bradley  
Senate Health and Human Services Committee  
State House  
Concord, NH 03301

Re: SB 98-FN

Dear Chairman Bradley and Members of the Committee,

My name is Tiffany Dodier and I am a registered dietitian speaking on behalf of the New Hampshire Public Health Association, a statewide membership organization composed of healthcare and public health professionals. For the last 25 years, we have advocated for policies that improve the health of New Hampshire's people.

Today we submit this testimony on behalf of our members and partners to state our strong support of SB 98-FN relative to the SNAP incentive program. We strongly believe that passage of this bill will provide families in the SNAP program with the opportunity to purchase additional healthy fruits and vegetables which will contribute to better nutrition and overall health.

Since the outset of the pandemic I have volunteered and worked in task forces and coalitions that have desperately tried to figure out how to feed those that have fallen on hard times in NH. Those needing this emergency assistance, for perhaps the first time in their lives, find themselves feeding canned beans, white rice, white bread, and maybe some canned corn or green beans, to their hungry families. There is an awful lot of white or gray things in this list, typical food pantry staples, right? But hunger is not always the issues. Things like IQ, immunity, child behavior, and meeting those infant milestones that every mother obsesses about are just a few of the things affected by diet quality.

Diet quality is about how well your diet can nourish your body or the amount of nutrients that you consume in your food every day. We have all been told the importance of fruits and vegetables in our diet to provide important vitamins and minerals but nutrition research is booming with new studies about antioxidants, phytochemicals, and all kinds of other beneficial compounds found in fruits and vegetables that we have yet to discover. Mounds of research show the protective effect of fruits and vegetables from the risk of death for a plethora of diseases; as the number of servings goes up, the number of deaths goes down. In fact, an estimated 100,000 deaths occur from eating too few fruits and vegetables every year.

**2018 Affiliate of the Year of the American Public Health Association**

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Study after study in cities across America show an increase in servings of fruits and vegetables by SNAP incentive participants, some by as many as five servings per day. On top of more healthy food for Granite Staters, this bill betters business for farmers, and boosts the local economy. Passing this bill will strengthen the *nutrition* in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program while making our Federal SNAP dollars go further and work smarter.

Because I know firsthand the positive and important impacts of this program on the health and wellbeing of New Hampshire families, I urge the Committee to recommend SB 98-FN ought to pass.

Respectfully submitted,



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February 1, 2020

The Honorable Chair, Jeb Bradley  
Senate Health and Human Services Committee  
State House  
Concord, NH 03301

Re: SB 98-FN

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This is important to New Hampshire because it supports a healthy triple bottom line -(1) more healthy food for families, (2) better business for farmers, and (3) boost to local economy. The positive impacts of these programs are even more critical given the challenges COVID-19 has placed on families.

As the director of The Sustainability Project, a 501(c)3 nonprofit promoting a love of nature, environmental stewardship and caring communities, I urge the Committee to recommend the passage of SB 98-FN.

Respectfully submitted,

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## Griffin Roberge

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**From:** Kirsten Koch  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 03, 2021 8:21 AM  
**To:** Griffin Roberge  
**Subject:** FW: Sb 98 - FN Testimony in Support - New Futures Kids Count -  
**Attachments:** Sb 98\_written testimony NF KC.pdf; EJM Letter of Support.pdf; 2021 GSMM Support.docx; 2021 Letter of Support SNAP.docx; 2021 Snap Letter of Support - Senate.docx; 2021 Snap Letter of Support\_NHHungerSolutions.docx.pdf; 2021 Snap Letter of Support\_Senate (1).docx; 2021 Snap Letter of Support\_Senate Maria Smith.pdf; 2021 Snap Letter of Support\_Senate RFM.docx; 2021 Snap Letter of Support\_Senate.docx; 2021 Snap Letter of Support\_Senate.pdf; 2021 Snap Letter of Support\_Senate-GNFC.pdf; 2021 Snap Letter of Support-Senate (1).docx; FFN\_Letter of Support\_FFN\_signed (2021).pdf; Gleaner.pdf; Monadnock Food Coop.pdf; MSF-2021 Snap Letter of Support\_Senate.pdf; MSF-2021 Snap Letter of Support\_Senate\_steve.pdf; NH SNAP 2021 Bill\_HC of the Upper Valley.docx.pdf; NOFA-NH 2021 Snap Letter of Support\_Senate.pdf; SB 98-FN Letter of Support '21.pdf; Shopper.pdf; SNAP NH SB 98-FN 2021.docx; Support for SB 98-FN.pdf; Doctor Fontaine Support .pdf

Kirsten Koch  
Legislative Aide  
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**From:** Rebecca Woitkowski <rwoitkowski@new-futures.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 2, 2021 8:06 PM  
**To:** Kirsten Koch <kirsten.koch@leg.state.nh.us>  
**Subject:** Sb 98 - FN Testimony in Support - New Futures Kids Count -

Ms Koch,

Attached please find the written testimony for New Futures in Support of SB 98- FN. In addition to my testimony is over 20 letters of support from NH advocates, retailers, participants, and others who support the bill and requested I pass along their letters of support with my testimony.

If you have any questions – please let me know.

Thank you

Rebecca Woitkowski, Esq.  
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February 2, 2021

The Honorable Chair, Jeb Bradley  
Senate Health and Human Services Committee  
State House  
Concord, NH 03301

Re: SB 98-FN – relative to SNAP incentive programs.

Dear Honorable Committee Members,

New Futures appreciates the opportunity to testify in favor of SB 98-FN, relative to the SNAP incentive programs. New Futures is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that advocates, educates, and collaborates to improve the health and wellness of all New Hampshire residents. As New Hampshire's authorized Kids Count organization, New Futures also advocates for data-based policies that support Granite State families.

New Futures stands strongly in support of SB 98-FN as it aims to increase access to healthy fruits and vegetables to our most vulnerable children and families. Research has shown that the impact of certain adversity, including poverty, in early childhood negatively impacts lifelong health outcome and increases state costs<sup>1</sup>. SNAP incentive programs compact the negative health and life impacts of poverty. Incentive programs allow recipients to receive a dollar match on fresh fruit and vegetables at participating grocery stores and farmers markets. Thus, increasing access to nutritious foods that would otherwise be out of reach for these families.

Beyond access, SNAP incentive programs also foster a sense of community and relationship with local producers and grocers that has positive impacts that ripple out beyond food and nutrition concerns. SNAP incentive programs support a healthy triple bottom line by increasing access to healthy food for families, increasing business for farmers, and providing a boost to local economy.

The positive impacts of these programs are even more critical given the challenges COVID-19 has placed on families. Included with my testimony are over 20 letters of support from participants, retailers, farmers, and advocates across the state. I encourage the committee to read all of the included letters as they are a powerful statement of local support for this bill.

For these reasons, New Futures urges the committee to vote SB 98-FN ought to pass.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Woitkowski, Esq, Kids Count Policy Coordinator New Futures

<sup>1</sup> [http://vetoviolence.cdc.gov/apps/phl/resource\\_center\\_infographic.html](http://vetoviolence.cdc.gov/apps/phl/resource_center_infographic.html)

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I have witnessed the benefits firsthand, not only as a former vendor with the Downtown Concord Winter Farmers Market (DCWFM) and the Summer Concord Farmers Market, but as the current Treasurer and seat on the Board of Directors for DCWFM. I cannot think of a better way to not only further support our local farmers and our local economies, but to support those who are less fortunate and in dire need of daily essentials.

Because I know the immediate, positive and important impacts of this program on the health and wellbeing of New Hampshire families, I urge the Committee to recommend the passing of SB 98-FN.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik J. Malouin  
Treasurer DCWFM



**CHESHIRE COUNTY  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**



February 1, 2021

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Senate Health and Human Services Committee  
State House  
Concord, NH 03301

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The Cheshire County Conservation District is the regional lead for the Granite State Market Match program in Cheshire County NH. We work with five farmers markets, two farm stands, and six community supported agriculture farms to improve access to healthy food through the Granite State Market Match program. This program brings new customers and a critical increase in sales to local farm businesses. It is a win-win for NH improving the health of our communities and viability of agricultural businesses.

Because I know firsthand the positive and important impacts of this program on the health and wellbeing of New Hampshire families, I urge the Committee to recommend SB 98-FN ought to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda J.C. Littleton  
District Manager.

February 3, 2021

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Senate Health and Human Services Committee  
State House  
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As a person in recovery from alcoholism and drug addiction for over 35 years, I am intimately involved in the lives of many recovering women, many of whom are raising children on their own. One of the first items I suggest women to do (after 30 days of detox) is to sign up for SNAP benefits (if eligible) and to sign up for Granite State Market Match (here in NH; doubling of vegetable and fruit purchasing). It is always amazing to me to that so many of these women have never (and I do mean never) tasted fresh raspberries, a butternut squash, or a non-canned tomato.

As the director of Monadnock Farm and Community Coalition in SW New Hampshire, a 140-member organization coalition, I can tell you that SNAP incentives impact the health of the children of our communities in ways we are now beginning to measure. If you care about bringing down healthcare costs, INVEST in our children/family's health by supporting the SNAP incentive program. If you need testimony from individuals, I would be happy to get as many as you need together to represent their experience.

Because I know firsthand the positive and important impacts of this program on the health and wellbeing of New Hampshire families, I urge the Committee to recommend SB 98-FN ought to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Roe-Ann Tasoulas  
Recovering alcoholic 35+ years and  
Director, Monadnock Farm and Community Coalition, New Hampshire



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During the pandemic many of our hospital staff found themselves in a position they had never been in before. To protect staff and the public, departments were temporarily closed leaving over 300 employees furloughed, some partially and some fully. Many staff were left needing to rely on resources such as food pantries and SNAP benefits. Working in healthcare, our staff know the importance of proper nutrition and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The SNAP incentive program helps individuals to access healthy foods that fuel their bodies, helping them to achieve their healthcare goals and lead more productive lives.

Because I know firsthand the positive and important impacts of this program on the health and wellbeing of New Hampshire families, I urge the Committee to recommend SB 98-FN ought to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Collins  
Manager – Mission Integration  
St. Joseph Hospital - Nashua

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SNAP benefits are insufficient to meet family needs in New Hampshire. The Urban Institute compared average SNAP benefits per meal to actual meal costs in NH and found them to be 40-51% lower depending on where you live in New Hampshire. <https://www.urban.org/does-snap-cover-cost-meal-your-county>. COVID-19 has caused food costs to rise even more. SB 98-FN extends SNAP recipients' dollars for healthy fruits and vegetables and are a critical support at this time of severe need.

I urge the Committee to recommend SB 98-FN ought to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

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I know this to be true from personal experience, not only as someone on a tight budget who values healthy food, but also from serving on the Farmer's Market board. I've seen what a challenge it is to make a living as a farmer. It's difficult to find the balance between selling at a price that people can afford while also earning a living wage. A criticism of farmer's markets is that they are too expensive. Yet, these local foods should not be a luxury that only the middle to upper classes can afford. Healthy, local food should be available to everyone. Imagine how strong our local economy would be if a larger portion of the population shifted from buying groceries at the supermarket, and instead bought them from nearby farmers. Yet this will not happen on its own. We need changes like this initiative to keep the ball rolling in the right direction.

Because I know firsthand the positive and important impacts of this program on the health and wellbeing of New Hampshire families, I urge the Committee to recommend SB 98-FN ought to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaylin Lustig

February 3, 2020

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I currently serve as the Cooking Matters NH Program Coordinator at the New Hampshire Food Bank working to educate and empower SNAP eligible parents and families with cooking, nutrition and budgeting skills to make the most of their food dollars. I have also worked as the sales coordinator for one of the largest certified organic farms in the state (Brookford Farm). Due to my experiences in both sectors I am uniquely positioned to know how much of impactful. this program will be for our most vulnerable populations and struggling farmers.

In my work at the New Hampshire Food Bank I interact with SNAP families on a regular basis and sit near my co-worker as she submits SNAP applications. Time and time again we hear stories of parents, caregivers, adults and seniors not being able to feed themselves, and not even believing they have the means to eat healthy food and nourish their bodies properly. Sometimes we hear stories of a man who lost 30 pounds in one month due to lack of food, or stories of an unemployed mom of three facing eviction. We see the extremely long lines at Mobile Food Pantries and the smiles and appreciation on people's faces as they say this will be a lifesaver for the upcoming week. For these people, purchasing local food is unheard of. They do not even dare to hope to bite into a big ripe, red, juicy tomato mid-August, or taste the superior sweetness of apples from a local orchard during the fall – knowing they just cannot afford the higher price. Supporting this bill will give these people hope and break down the barrier and stigma of purchasing local foods for low income parents, caregivers, adults and seniors across the state.

On the other hand, local farmers always hear that folks cannot afford to eat or purchase from their farm because it is too expensive (while being in sales for a local farm I experienced this firsthand). Local farmers break their backs and go into debt to **do the right thing**; grow crops using sustainable practices to produce nutrient dense foods while respecting our lands and communities. Many times, farmers are asked for discounts and do not receive proper compensation for their food

or work. Making these healthier local foods more accessible and paying farmers fairly is a win win for our most vulnerable populations and for our local agricultural community and economy.

**I urge the Committee to recommend SB 98-FN ought to pass.**

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Smith  
Cooking Matters NH Coordinator  
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February 1, 2021

The Honorable Chair, Jeb Bradley  
Senate Health and Human Services Committee  
State House  
Concord, NH 03301

Re: SB 98-FN

Dear Chairman Bradley and Members of the Committee,

I am the manager of the Rochester NH Farmers Market. I am writing to you today to express my strong support of SB 98-FN as it impacts the SNAP incentive program. SNAP incentive programs are important for New Hampshire families and the economy. At our market this program allows SNAP recipients to receive a dollar match on fresh fruit and vegetables.

This program positively impacts residents and farmers in our state in three ways; it provides more healthy food for families, increases business for farmers, and it boosts our local economy. The positive impacts of these programs are even more critical given the challenges COVID-19 has placed on families.

During our 2020 market season we saw a 14% increase in the number of SNAP transactions at our market. More families were looking for ways to safely access local food. Each week we saw new faces at the SNAP table looking for information on how the incentive program worked. With the Market Match they were able to buy fresh local fruits and vegetables at half the cost to their EBT account. Not only did that increase the number of visits to the market but also increased sales for our small local farmers. In a time of uncertainty this weekly event became a connection point in our community for our EBT families and local farmers.

Because I know firsthand the positive and important impacts of this program on the health and wellbeing of New Hampshire families, I urge the Committee to recommend SB 98-FN ought to pass:

Respectfully submitted,

Vicky Poland  
Market Manager  
Rochester Farmers Market

January 29, 2021

The Honorable Chair, Jeb Bradley  
Senate Health and Human Services Committee  
State House  
Concord, NH 03301

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**I personally use this program faithfully to make sure I utilize the funds I am given to receive the nutrition my body needs as a breastfeeding mother. I appreciate that the benefits I am given also benefit others by giving back to other members of the community. I am a disabled veteran and am on limited income and appreciate that my funds are doubled in an area that matters most.**

Because I know firsthand the positive and important impacts of this program on the health and wellbeing of New Hampshire families, I urge the Committee to recommend SB 98-FN ought to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

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February 3, 2020

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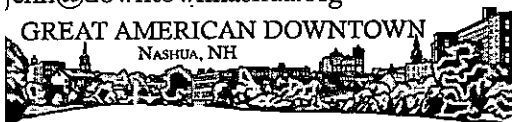
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**Being the Market Manager for the Nashua Farmers Market, (which runs for a period of 17 weeks from June through October every year) we see an average of \$150 per week spent, which translates into \$300 through the SNAP program. This money gets put directly back into the market vendors, many of whom are farmers, makers, and craftspeople within the local economy.**

Because I know firsthand the positive and important impacts of this program on the health and wellbeing of New Hampshire families, I urge the Committee to recommend SB 98-FN ought to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Annand  
Program Coordinator  
Great American Downtown  
Nashua Farmers Market Manager  
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Through my work as Executive Director of Greater Nashua Food Council (GNFC) we have seen an immense need for access to fresh produce. Through a volunteer effort led by the United Way of Greater Nashua and GNFC 36 mobile produce pantries distributed 35,000 pounds of fresh produce in low-income communities. This effort served over 7,000 Nashua residents and continues to do so. This shows there is a desire from low-income community members to have access to fresh, affordable produce. Our membership also includes local farmers. These farmers rely on purchases from their SNAP customers. It has been shown in other studies, that every \$21,000 in SNAP creates a job in a community. Increasing SNAP incentives not only improves the health of NH residents, it also improves the health of NH's economy and local agriculture.

Because I know firsthand the positive and important impacts of this program on the health and wellbeing of New Hampshire families, I urge the Committee to recommend SB 98-FN ought to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Executive Director  
Greater Nashua Food Council  
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**I was bitten by a brown recluse spider and a tick August 2007. Since then I have dealt with Lyme, Babesia, and Bartonella infections. As part of the treatment and recovery I have worked towards, managing stress, exercising and eating healthy food.**

**The SNAP program has been an integral part of enabling me to eat healthy, local produce and meat year-round. During the slate summer months and into early fall, I preserve local veggies by home-canning, freezing and dehydrating. Over the last 15 years I have gotten to know the farmers through the Seacoast Eat Local Farmers Markets. It truly is a community.**

**A healthy community that is supportive, informative and dependable. My trust and respect for the farmers continues to grow. I am so appreciative of the SNAP benefits which allow me to buy fresh local veggies and to participate in summer and winter CSA's.**

**I now test negative for all 3 tick borne diseases and I am actively working on building health. The SNAP program continues to support and enable me to live healthier than I otherwise would be able to.**

Because I know firsthand the positive and important impacts of this program on the health and wellbeing of New Hampshire families, I urge the Committee to recommend SB 98-FN ought to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth M Mello  
Kingston, NH 03848



February 3, 2021

Re: SB 98-FN

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These programs are even more critical now given the challenges posed by COVID-19. Across the country there has been a sharp increase in the use of nutrition programs by both adults and children, many for the first time. SNAP incentive programs help these people afford nourishing food in a targeted way.

Since 2017, Fair Food Network has been overseeing the Double Up Food Bucks program in New Hampshire. We've witnessed incredible growth in this program driven by the needs of the most vulnerable residents and the enthusiasm of hard-working grocery store owners to support their communities. What began as a pilot program in four stores has since expanded to 18 sites serving thousands of shoppers. We hope to see these number grow.

I respectfully urge the Committee to recommend SB 98-FN for passage in state budget.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kate Krauss", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

**Kate Krauss**

*Executive Director & Chief Operating Officer*

**Fair Food Network**

January 31, 2020

The Honorable Chair, Jeb Bradley  
Senate Health and Human Services Committee  
State House  
Concord, NH 03301

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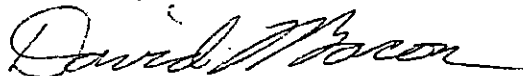
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I have volunteered to participate in local gleaning events in Cheshire county. I know that the food we harvest gets into the hands of many families in the Monadnock area who may not have the resources to acquire these goods. Many of these families can use SNAP dollars to obtain these products at local farmers markets.

Because I know firsthand the positive and important impacts of this program on the health and wellbeing of New Hampshire families, I urge the Committee to recommend SB 98-FN ought to pass.

Respectfully submitted,



David Bacon

Keene, NH

February 3, 2020

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Double Up Food Bucks has been a huge success in our Co-op. Not only does the program allow our customers to stretch their dollars, it has allowed us to better support our local farmers. We have seen large increases in SNAP spending on produce and our purchases from local farms have increased in tandem. Overall I feel Double Up Food Bucks is important for the nutritional health of our community as well as the economic health of our local producers

Because I know firsthand the positive and important impacts of this program on the health and wellbeing of New Hampshire families, I urge the Committee to recommend SB 98-FN ought to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Cotter

Assistant Store Manager

Monadnock Food Co-op



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February 3, 2021

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Miles Smith Farm believes that this program provides healthy food for families, increases revenue for farmers, and boosts the local economy. The positive impacts of these programs are even more critical given the challenges COVID-19 has placed on families.

Miles Smith Farm is a 36 acre farm in Loudon, New Hampshire. The 36 acres combines part of a farm owned by Miles Smith in the 1850's and two neighboring farms. Most of the land is pasture. The cattle we raise are grass fed on the farm's and about 300 acres we lease around the state. All of our cattle are raised in the state of New Hampshire, so our meat is truly from New Hampshire.

Because I know firsthand the positive and important impacts of this program on the health and well being of New Hampshire families, I urge the Committee to recommend SB 98-FN ought to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

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Carole Soule



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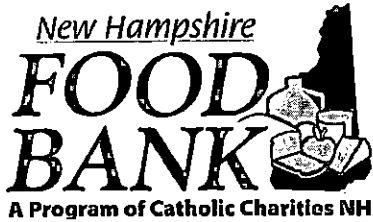
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NOFA-NH helps people build local, sustainable, healthy food systems. Supporting the SNAP incentive program is consistent with our mission: it helps both farmers and consumers by strengthening the local food system, and provides access to fresh nutritious food for our state's food insecure.

Because I know firsthand the positive and important impacts of this program on the health and wellbeing of New Hampshire families, I urge the Committee to recommend SB 98-FN ought to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Nikki Kolb  
NOFA-NH Operations Manager



February 3, 2021

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Senate Health and Human Services Committee  
State House  
Concord, NH 03301

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**SNAP outreach is an integral part of the New Hampshire Food Bank's mission to provide food resources to those who are struggling to provide food for themselves and their families. In conjunction with providing food access resources, such as SNAP benefit application assistance, accessing safe, healthy, equitable food is our top priority. The New Hampshire Food Bank has seen an uptick in requests for fresh produce from elders, parents of young kids, single adults, and college or high school aged students. It is important to us that we offer this opportunity to our community through the SNAP incentive program.**

**High prioritization to provide optimal nutrition for the health and wellbeing of our current and future population will benefit all aspects of our economy and health care system. SNAP incentives break socioeconomic barriers, increase exposure to healthy societal norms, and introduce cultural competence for all communities. Since 2011, Granite State Market Match has increased its participation by 51 additional sites in the state and plans to expand to retail locations in 2021. Ensuring all families have equal access to local fruits and vegetables increases our population health and in turn decreases medical costs. Snap incentive sales have grown exponentially over the years and to continue this important work we need support from the state.**

**This work does not only benefit the food insecure. Our NH farmers can now access a demographic that previously had not been a revenue stream. By opening this market to our food insecure, local farmers have the opportunity to thrive.**

I urge the Committee to recommend SB 98-FN ought to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Elise Bolster, RD, LDN  
Nutrition Programs Manager  
New Hampshire Food Bank





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Allowing SNAP recipients to receive a dollar match on fresh fruit and vegetables at grocery stores and farmers markets has real benefits for the resilience of Granite Staters. It means more access to healthy food for families, better business for farmers, and a more viable local economy. These programs are even more critical given the challenges COVID-19 has placed on families.

I have worked hard to keep my family housed and healthy despite an adverse economy, challenging climate, and community breakdown. SNAP and especially Granite State Market Match have been absolutely vital to my ability to support not only my family but also our neighboring farms and local businesses. This program makes New Hampshire stronger!

Because I know firsthand the positive and important impacts of this program on the health and wellbeing of New Hampshire families, I urge the Committee to recommend SB 98-FN ought to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Gerrior  
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February 3, 2020

The Honorable Chair, Jeb Bradley  
Senate Health and Human Services Committee  
State House  
Concord, NH 03301

Re: SB 98-FN

Dear Chairman Bradley and Members of the Committee,

I write in strong support of SB 98-FN relative to the SNAP incentive program. Snap incentive programs are important for New Hampshire families and the economy. These programs allow SNAP recipients to receive a dollar match on fresh fruit and vegetables at grocery stores and farmers markets.

This is important to New Hampshire because it supports a healthy triple bottom line -(1) more healthy food for families, (2) better business for farmers, and (3) boost to local economy. The positive impacts of these programs are even more critical given the challenges COVID-19 has placed on families.

At The Community Kitchen, we have been working to bolster food security in southwestern NH for over 35 years. We find our recipients are knowledgeable and resourceful as they strive to prepare healthy meals for themselves and their families. When we are able to provide fresh, high quality products, especially as abundant fresh donations stock our tables in the harvest season, our guests express spontaneous delight and many are eager to try new recipes and entirely unfamiliar vegetables. The real barriers that NH's food insecure citizens experience to participating in our vibrant local food system are the relative financial costs of these products as they manage very tight food budgets. All NH citizens deserve to participate fully in our great local food system. We hope you will make this modest investment in our public health that will have many abundant returns.

Because I know firsthand the positive and important impacts of this program on the health and wellbeing of New Hampshire families, I urge the Committee to recommend SB 98-FN ought to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

*Phoebe Bray*

Phoebe Bray  
Executive Director

## Kirsten Koch

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**From:** Angela Zhang <Angela@listencs.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 3, 2021 6:48 PM  
**To:** Kirsten Koch  
**Subject:** Support for SB 89-FN

February 3, 2021

The Honorable Chair, Jeb Bradley  
Senate Health and Human Services Committee  
State House  
Concord, NH 03301

Re: SB 98-FN

Dear Chairman Bradley and Members of the Committee,

My name is Angela Zhang, and I am the Programs Director at LISTEN Community Services, a nonprofit which services the critical needs of the New Hampshire constituents within the lower Grafton County/Upper Valley region. I am in charge of overseeing all of our social services, including our food pantry, rental assistance, and utility assistance.

I write in strong support of SB 98-FN relative to the SNAP incentive program. SNAP incentive programs allow recipients to receive a dollar match on fresh fruit and vegetables at grocery stores and farmers markets. These programs are critical to the welfare of many New Hampshire families who struggle with financial security and to the prosperity of the state economy.

This is important to New Hampshire because it supports a healthy triple bottom line - (1) more healthy food for families, (2) better business for farmers, and (3) boost to local economy. The positive impacts of these programs are even more critical given the challenges COVID-19 has placed on families.

We at LISTEN Community Services need not look far to see the pressing need for these SNAP incentive programs, especially amidst this pandemic. Since March of 2020, the LISTEN community food pantry has filled 3,390 orders of food for over 900 households, who are struggling to provide enough nutritious food for their families. Nearly two-thirds of those households have never sought help from LISTEN before.

Furthermore, our reports find that the increasing number of New Hampshire residents requesting assistance from our food pantry has been correlated to the economic difficulties posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. In March 2020, there were layoffs across the country due to the initial shut down; in July 2020, Pandemic Unemployment Benefits ended at the end of the month; and December 2020 CARES Act assistance expired – each of these events translated to a direct increase in the number of New Hampshire households that required assistance from our food pantry. Families urgently need more supportive measures, like SNAP incentive programs, in order to make ends meet.

Our food pantry is but a microcosm of the need for accessible, nutritious food across the state. New Hampshire residents need SB 98-FN, and that is why we implore the Committee to recommend that SB 98-FN ought to pass.

On behalf of LISTEN Community Services and the Upper Valley residents whom we serve, thank you for your time and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Zhang

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**Angela Zhang, MSW**

**LISTEN Community Services – Program Services Director**

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# Voting Sheets

# Senate Health and Human Services Committee

## EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD

### 2021-2022 Session

Bill # SB 98-FN

Hearing Date: 2/3/21

Executive Session Date: 2/3/21

Motion: OTP Vote: 5-0

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
Sen. Bradley, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Motion: Consent calendar Vote: 5-0

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Reported out by: Sen. Whitley

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# Senate Finance Committee

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bill # SB 98-FN

Hearing date: N/A

Executive session date: 02/16/21

Motion of: OTF

VOTE: 7-0

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Motion of: \_\_\_\_\_ VOTE: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Committee Report



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday, February 4, 2021

THE COMMITTEE ON Health and Human Services

to which was referred **SB 98-FN**

**AN ACT** relative to the SNAP incentive program.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

**OUGHT TO PASS**

**BY A VOTE OF: 5-0**

Senator Rebecca Whitley  
For the Committee

This bill requires the department of health and human services to establish a SNAP health incentive program and makes a \$150,000 appropriation to the department for this purpose. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) health incentive enables beneficiaries of the federal SNAP to receive a dollar-for-dollar match for fresh fruits and vegetables, with an emphasis on locally grown food, at participating farmer's markets, farm stands, mobile markets, community supported agriculture sites, grocery stores, or other participating direct food retailers. SNAP health incentive programs are a triple win for New Hampshire; it will boost the local economy, provide health benefits to recipients, and new opportunities for local farmers to sell their produce. Modest state investment will allow the state to draw down additional federal dollars to broaden access to the program.

Kirsten Koch 271-3266

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**SB 98-FN**, relative to the SNAP incentive program.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Rebecca Whitley for the committee.

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**Docket of SB98**

Docket Abbreviations

**Bill Title:** relative to the SNAP incentive program.*Official Docket of SB98.:*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Body</b>	<b>Description</b>
1/26/2021	S	<b>Introduced</b> 01/06/2021 and Referred to Health and Human Services; <b>SJ 3</b>
1/28/2021	S	Remote <b>Hearing:</b> 02/03/2021, 09:00 am; Links to join the hearing can be found in the Senate Calendar; <b>SC 9</b>
2/4/2021	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 02/11/2021; Vote 5-0; CC; <b>SC 10</b>
2/11/2021	S	Sen. Whitley Moved to Remove SB 98-FN from the Consent Calendar; 02/11/2021; <b>SJ 4</b>
2/11/2021	S	Ought to Pass: <b>RC 24Y-0N, MA</b> ; Refer to Finance Rule 4-5; 02/11/2021; <b>SJ 4</b>
3/4/2021	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 03/04/2021; <b>SC 12</b>
3/4/2021	S	<b>Ought to Pass: RC 24Y-0N, MA</b> ; OT3rdg; 03/04/2021; <b>SJ 6</b>
3/10/2021	H	Introduced (in recess of) 02/25/2021 and referred to Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs <b>HJ 4 P. 48</b>
4/1/2021	H	Vacated and Referred to Finance (Rep. Steven Smith): MA VV (in recess of) 02/25/2021 <b>HJ 4</b>
4/28/2021	H	Public Hearing: 05/10/2021 11:15 am Members of the public may attend using the following link: To join the webinar: <a href="https://www.zoom.us/j/92166004660">https://www.zoom.us/j/92166004660</a> / Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day (time permitting) from the time the committee is initially convened.
5/4/2021	H	Division III Work Session: 05/10/2021 01:00 pm Members of the public may attend using the following link: To join the webinar: <a href="https://www.zoom.us/j/93701004543">https://www.zoom.us/j/93701004543</a>
5/13/2021	H	Retained in Committee
8/31/2021	H	Division III Work Session: 09/08/2021 01:00 pm LOB 210-211
10/6/2021	H	Executive Session: 10/26/2021 10:00 am LOB 210-211
10/20/2021	H	Division III Work Session: 10/26/2021 09:00 am LOB 210-211
10/29/2021	H	Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate SB 98-FN 10/28/2021 (Vote 21-0; ) <b>HC 48 P. 12</b>
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