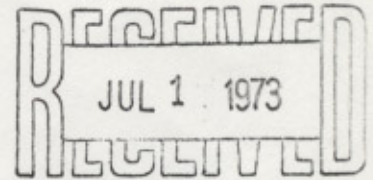


ASSOCIATION FOR INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT, INC.
2777 South Roosevelt
Wichita, Kansas 67214

SENATOR BOB DOLE



June 27, 1973

Hello,

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS 66108

We are a group of citizens in Sedgwick County concerned with the form of food assistance available here, which is surplus commodity distribution. This is an informative letter being sent to various agencies, groups, and individuals across the city about our activities. Hopefully, you will respond in some way or at least keep our ideas in mind.

We have seriously evaluated both forms of food assistance -- commodities and food stamps. Our compiled information is supportive to the idea that each of the programs should be seriously reconsidered and re-evaluated as each stands now, in 1973. Further, we believe that such an evaluation is necessary for those people who are dependent upon food assistance to decide which program they desire. At this point, the bias supporting each of the programs is generating confusion and hostility, rather than knowledge and awareness.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter to Dr. Robert Harder and the Board of the State Department of Social Welfare. As you will read, it is a proposal asking that a pilot food stamp program be instituted in Sedgwick County for a limited period of time. This will enable people to experience for themselves, instead of through the opinions of others, exactly what a different form of food assistance means in reality. Also enclosed are the results of a study made which compares the financial standing of families on the commodity program with their possible standing in a food stamp program.

In sending this letter, we are trying to cause an awareness of the food assistance situation here. We would appreciate the following:

1. a meeting wherein we could present the factual information compiled about the various methods of food assistance and take part in a relevant exchange of constructive ideas.
2. a letter to Dr. Harder representing your agency, group or individual opinion of a pilot food stamp program as a means of real education. In writing such a letter, please seriously consider the issue and the necessity of education.

3. If you would like to be represented along with others at the proposed meeting, please inform us of such.
4. or even a phone call for more information.
AID: Food Programs 682-2311.

Attached to the letter to Dr. Robert Harder is a list of signatures of eligible residents of Sedgwick County, who approve the proposed food stamp pilot program as a means of discovering how food stamps operate now. There have been many changes in the stamp program, some as recent as June 8, 1973. Copies of the changes can be obtained by contacting your United States Senator James B. Pearson (First National Bank Building - 262-0021).

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. We hope to be hearing from you.

Sincerely, *D*

Food Programs
Association for Institutional
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September 4, 1973

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Dear [REDACTED]

Enclosed is a copy of a self-explanatory letter in response to your request for a pilot food stamp program. I trust it will be of interest to you.

As you may know, the recent Farm Act requires that surplus commodity distribution programs must be replaced by food stamp programs. This requirement is indicated in the enclosed copy of the U.S. Department of Agriculture news release.

Thanks again for your letter, and please let me know whenever I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

BOB DOLE
United States Senator

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