

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
SIXTY-FIRST SESSION**



**BILL NO. 61-20**

**INTRODUCED BY: Lucas (JMC)**

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**A BILL TO:** Advocate for the Implementation of a Meal Swipe and Combo Exchange Donation Program

**THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:**

**WHEREAS,** In 2018, the Hope Center for College conducted a survey and found that out of 38,000 students, 38% who attended a 4-year institution reported being food insecure<sup>1</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS,** The 2020 National College Health Assessment also found that 2 out of 5 students who go to MSU experience some level of food insecurity<sup>2</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS,** Food insecurity has been shown to impact the academic success of students. Studies have shown that there is a correlation between food insecurity and student GPAs, graduation rates, stress, depression, overall health, and more<sup>3</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS,** Several other institutions in the Big Ten have programs in which students can donate their versions of meal swipes and combo exchanges such as the University of Iowa<sup>4</sup> and the University of Wisconsin-Madison<sup>5</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS,** ASMSU has precedent of assisting the MSU Food Bank and fighting against student food insecurity with Bill 58-36<sup>6</sup>, which donated gift cards to the MSU Food Bank and Bill 60-51<sup>7</sup>, which supports initiatives and organizations that fight against

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<sup>1</sup><https://foodbank.msu.edu/snap/content-College%20students%20and%20food%20insecurity.html#:~:text=According%20to%20the%202020%20National.reporting%20Very%20Low%20Food%20Security.>

<sup>2</sup>Ibid.

<sup>3</sup>Ibid.

<sup>4</sup> <https://dos.uiowa.edu/assistance/hawkeye-meal-share>

<sup>5</sup> <https://osas.wisc.edu/food-financial-resources/>

<sup>6</sup> ■ Bill 58-36\_Distribute the Remaining Gift Cards to MSU Student Food Bank \_Lochrie\_Grondin\_Fin...

<sup>7</sup> ■ 60-51\_Food Security\_Ennis\_Woodruff.pdf

student hunger and the Sophomore Class Council hosted a 5K that donated food and supplies to the MSU Food Bank<sup>8</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS**, Allowing for the donation of meal swipes and combo exchanges can help get much needed food and supplies to the MSU Food Bank to allow for students to alleviate stress and worry from lack of food; therefore be it,

**RESOLVED**, That the Associated Students of Michigan State University shall advocate for the implementation of a program that allows for students to donate their meal swipes and combo exchanges to the MSU Food Bank to fight against student food insecurity; therefore be it further,

**RESOLVED**, That the Associated Students of Michigan State University shall further pledge themselves to fighting against food insecurity at Michigan State University.

**INTRODUCED ON** 09.26.2024

**REFERRED TO** Academic **COMMITTEE ON** 09.19.2024

**SPECIAL ACTION TAKEN** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>COMMITTEE ACTION</b>	<u>X</u>		<b>Voice Majority</b>	<u>09.19.2024</u>
	<b>PASSED</b>	<b>FAILED</b>	<b>VOTE</b>	<b>DATE</b>

<b>FINAL ACTION TAKEN</b>	<u>X</u>		<b>Voice Majority</b>	<u>09.26.2024</u>
	<b>PASSED</b>	<b>FAILED</b>	<b>VOTE</b>	<b>DATE</b>

	
<b>PRESIDENT: Connor Le</b>	<b>VPIA: Kathryn Harding</b>

<sup>8</sup> <https://serve.msu.edu/service-project.cfm?projectID=4786>