

COMPACTING EDIBLE FOOD IS A CRIME

With hunger growing in our community all groceries, bakeries, produce markets that discard food should make arraignments for this food to be recovered by local programs providing meals and groceries to the hungry. In the past few years most national grocery chains have started to crush edible food that could be provided to organizations feeding the hungry. Studies show that over 40 % of all food produced for the United States is discarded. This is over \$100 billion worth of food that could be shared with the growing legions of America's hungry. At the same time over 50 million Americans live in extreme poverty U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that 14.5 percent of American households suffered from food insecurity in 2010. Grocery chains claim falsely that they face liability if someone were to be made ill but this is not the case. President Bill Clinton signed the The Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act into law on October 1, 1996. The amount of food crushed by national groceries could end hunger in our community.

WE SUPPORT AN END TO THE COMPACTING OF EDIBLE FOOD

We are signing this petition to urge our local officials to pass an ordinance making the compacting of edible food a crime and requiring all groceries, bakeries and other food producers doing business in our city to donate their discarded food to any community group seeking share recovered food with the hungry.

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