

OWENS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Owens Harvest Food Pantry (Campus and Community Connections)

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Dear members of the Workforce and Higher Education Committee,

I'm submitting written testimony in support of HB 157 on behalf of Owens Community College and the Owens Harvest Food Pantry. Since 2012, we have been providing emergency food support to our student at Owens Community College. In the process, our center has grown to provide additional student basic needs resources that assist our students in staying in school and completing academic programs.

Hunger is a universal problem, but one that causes even more complications for students trying to attend school and balance, work, family and other personal obligations.

We support this bill and commit to serving as a resource for other community colleges who (with this funding) would be able to provide similar resources to their students in need. You can learn more about our resources here:

www.owens.edu/connection

Please see the attached form with my statement of support.

Sincerely,

Krista Kiessling
Director, Campus and Community Connections

