



Rep. Tom Emmer on Emmer: Allow businesses to donate food

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****COMMITTEE CHAIR:**

** At this time, I'd like to yield one minute to the distinguished gentleman from Minnesota, Mr. Emmer. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Federal of Minnesota is recognized for one minute.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today in support of the Fighting Hunger Incentives Act of 2015. Roughly one in ten Minnesotans live in poverty. Sadly, this means that many Minnesotans, including children, lack access to the food and resources they need to maintain a healthy and active lifestyle. This morning, I had an opportunity to tour and make sandwiches at Martha's Table, an organization here in D.C. that reaches more than 18,000 people through their programs. I saw firsthand the need for legislation like this. This legislation will permanently extend the enhanced charitable deduction for all businesses that donate food to charities and food banks. This will encourage more businesses to chip in and help in the ongoing fight against hunger. We have an obligation to help those around us, and this is a non-partisan, bipartisan way to make a big difference. Thank you, and I yield back.

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