SUPPORT HB-1119:
THE COLORADO CHARITABLE CROP DONATION ACT
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What HB-1119 Does:
The Colorado Charitable Crop Donation Act would help increase access to fresh, healthy, locally produced food (including fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy products and meat products) for low-income Coloradans by offering Colorado producers a 25% tax credit for the wholesale value of food they produce and donate to qualified nonprofit food distribution organizations across Colorado.

Helping Colorado’s Food Banks & Families in Need:
Colorado’s food banks and pantries have experienced historic demand over the past few years, and much of this demand has come from families and individuals who have been forced to use this safety net for the first time. Emergency food providers across Colorado have experienced challenges keeping their shelves filled and have often not been able to even provide the basic necessities to those in need. In many neighboring states, similar tax credits have helped food banks procure more diverse produce donations, which is often a rare offering to the families that they serve.

Helping Colorado Growers:
Colorado food producers want to do their part in helping Coloradans in need and helping them gain additional access to fresh, healthy food. Many of the state’s food producers have indicated that a modest tax credit would make it easier for them to donate more of their fresh food products and incentivize more producers to make the financial and labor investment to harvest the food and donate it to emergency food providers.

• HB-1119 is supported by both the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union & The Colorado Farm Bureau

Smart Investment:
Colorado’s food banks distribute food to nearly 2,000 nonprofit agencies statewide, that in turn provide meals and services to people in need. The diversity of agencies include food pantries, daycare centers, battered women’s shelters, soup kitchens, residential treatment centers, and senior and youth programs; serving all ages and segments of our community. The food provided to those living in poverty often means the difference between feeding their families or going hungry, and too often the food provided does not include fresh fruit and vegetables, dairy products and meat. HB-1119 also establishes strict guidelines that require food donations to be accepted by certified food banks or emergency food service providers and establishes a per grower cap of $5000.00.

Example: $2,500 Tax Credit for Donated Produce

| Tax Credit Amount: | $2,500 |
| Wholesale Value:   | $10,000 |
| Retail Food Value (Estimated): | $13,500 |

Support HB-1119 and help Colorado’s agricultural communities and food banks across the state provide fresh Colorado food to those in need.

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