



"A true revolution of values will soon cause us to question the fairness and justice of many of our past and present policies. On the one hand we are called to play the good Samaritan on life's roadside, but that will only be an initial act. One day we must come to see that the whole Jericho road must be transformed so that men and women will not be constantly beaten and robbed as they make their journey on life's highway." -Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Let's Do Something About Why People are Hungry.

There are many reasons. One is South Dakota's tax on groceries.

- ▶ **Grocery prices are up!** The state can't undo the high prices, but it could help by getting the tax off.
- ▶ **Times are tough!**
- ▶ **Solutions are available!** especially for the state portion (4%) of the food tax. This would help middle- and lower-income people. Most states do not tax groceries. No state bordering South Dakota taxes food.
- ▶ **The food tax refund program is not the answer.** It now reaches only 264 households in the whole state, despite much greater need. These types of programs are inherently ineffective.
- ▶ **Cutting the food tax is the right thing to do.** This tax hurts. What people pay annually in food tax (state + city tax) could buy their food for 3 weeks.

South Dakotans ended the tax on medical services
and outlawed paying to use toilets.
You don't pay a tax before you can vote or before you can breathe.
No one should have to pay a tax before they can eat.



What to do? Enough people need to ask state legislators to start cutting the food tax. To join an email network of advocates, send your name, address & phone to: ryebread@breadrising.org.