

Support HB 1 – the “untax groceries” bill

Ten Things You Can Do

- 1. Speak out.** Call your state senator and representative and urge him or her to *untax groceries* by supporting HB 1.
- 2. Reach out.** Ask a friend to call his or her lawmakers. Will that friend ask a friend, too? Do you belong to a group that could make calls? Join “Alabama Arise” on Facebook and invite your friends to join.
- 3. Take it to the streets.** E-mail rebecca@alarise.org to request an *untax groceries* bumper sticker for your car.
- 4. Stand and deliver.** Order extra stickers for your friends or people who inquire when they see yours.
- 5. Do the math.** Keep your grocery receipts for a typical week. Multiply the total pre-tax amount by 4 percent (or .04) to estimate your weekly savings.
- 6. Make it real.** Send your receipts to your lawmakers. Write to them about HB 1 and clip a week’s worth to each letter. Start saving now and send a month’s worth of receipts each month until the bill passes.
- 7. Find allies.** What organizations and businesses in your area might be willing to distribute bumper stickers or contact lawmakers about HB 1? Churches, food banks and independent grocery stores are good places to start.
- 8. Make a list.** Help us collect names of people who support the grocery tax bill. At arisecitizens.org, go to “Untax groceries!” and click on the “Use this sheet” link.
- 9. Table it.** Does your community have an arts fair, trade day or similar event? Arise needs volunteers to host information tables and collect signatures.
- 10. Come lobby with Melissa.** Arise’s legislative coordinator, Melissa Oliver, loves to help people “break the ice” and practice citizen advocacy at the State House. Contact brenda@alarise.org to set up a time. And bring those grocery receipts!