



Advocacy Training

**FY 2025/2026**

# State Budget

**with Post Election Analysis**

ZOOM	IN-PERSON @ SHFB
JANUARY 15 10 AM – 11 AM	JANUARY 17 10 AM – 12 PM

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Grow **hope**  
in our region  
by **creating**  
**pathways** to  
nutritious **food**

# Policy Analysis 2025 – Campaign Promises



President-Elect Trump  
Vice President Elect J.D. Vance

- Slash the Budget
  - Social safety net programs (SNAP, TANF, Medicaid, SSI, etc.) could experience major cuts/changes
- Trade Wars and Tariffs
  - Based off of previous experience with Trump Administration
    - Loss of export markets for American agriculture
    - + Food banks benefited short-term from TEFAP trade mitigation product
    - Logistic challenges created by policy were ultimately not good for farm partners or the food supply chain
- “Make America Healthy Again”
  - Suggests limits on migrant workers/immigration
  - Reductions in the federal workforce
  - Could have negative impacts on food production, food policy, access, and prices
  - Affordable Care Act, Navigator funding, LFPA, and AmeriCorps programs may be eliminated or cut

# AVAILABILITY of MEMBERS

 Both Chambers in Session

 Senate Only in Session


 House Only in Session

 Out of Session – Available for IN District Meetings

[Congressional Calendar on RollCall.com](http://CongressionalCalendar.on.RollCall.com)

## 2025 CONGRESSIONAL CALENDAR



 Both chambers in session

 Senate only in session

 House only in session

### January

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 New Year's Day	2	3 MLK Day Congress begins	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 MLK Day Inauguration Day	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

### February

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16	17 Presidents Day	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Imam al-Banna Day	

### March

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30	31 Ramadan (ends)					Ramadan (ends)

### April

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Passover (begins)
13	14	15	16	17	18 Good Friday	19
20	21 Easter, Passover (ends)	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

### May

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
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25	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31

### June

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
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### July

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
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### August

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### September

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	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Rosh Hashanah (begins)	23	24 Rosh Hashanah (ends)	25	26	27
28	29	30				

### October

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 Yom Kippur (begins)	2 Yom Kippur (ends)	3	4
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12	13 Columbus Day	14	15	16	17	18
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### November

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### December

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14 Hanukkah (begins)	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Hanukkah (ends)	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Sources: Offices of House Majority Leader Steve Scalise and Senate Majority Leader John Thune  
Chris Hale/CQ Roll Call

# 119<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS

## U.S. SENATE



[Senator Bernie Moreno](#)

1<sup>st</sup> Term: 2024-2030

Cleveland District Office

T:(216) 522-7272

<https://www.moreno.senate.gov/>

Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs  
Commerce, Science & Transportation  
Banking, Housing, & Urban Affairs  
Budget



TBA

Term: TBA 2025

Most Likely candidate

Lt. Gov John Husted (R)

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



9<sup>th</sup> District (Erie County)

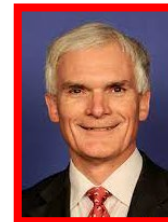
[Rep. Marcy Kaptur](#)

Toledo District Office

(419) 259-7500

<https://kaptur.house.gov/>

House Appropriations (2<sup>nd</sup> longest serving member on this committee)  
Ranking Member, House Appropriations Subcommittee  
Subcommittee on Defense  
Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration



5<sup>th</sup> District (Lorain, Huron, Crawford Counties)

[Rep. Bob Latta](#)

Elyria District Office

(440) 406-5010

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Energy and Commerce  
Chair, Communications and Technology  
Energy, Climate and Grid Security  
Health



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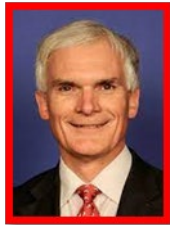
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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Rep. Marcy Kaptur  
D9



Rep. Bob Latta  
D5

## Current Congressional Districts



<https://findmydistrict.ohiosos.gov/>

For questions regarding your district information or to confirm your district information for your address, please contact your county board of elections at [OhioSoS.gov/boards](http://OhioSoS.gov/boards)

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# OHIO LEGISLATURE

136<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

# WHAT TO EXPECT



Uphill battle for funding in the Biennial Budget

**Advocate NOW** for inclusion in the Governor's Budget

Our ability to sustain operations and meet the historic need for food assistance is at serious risk without adequate resources

Governor DeWine Signs FY '24-'25 Budget with Historic Investments in Ohio's Workforce, Children, and Communities, July 05, 2023 - <https://governor.ohio.gov/>



# STATE ELECTION RESULTS

## How did the power in the state change with this election?

- The Republicans still hold the Governor's office, majorities at the statehouse, and a majority on the Supreme court.
- In the House, Democrats gaining 2 seats means that they can now [block emergency clauses](#).
- The House will see 27 new members (17 Republicans, 10 Democrats)

### State Senate

9 Dem.

25 Rep.



### State House

34 Dem.

65 Rep.



# OHIO SENATE

[Click Here for Current Ohio Senate Districts](#)



## [\(District 13\) Senator Nathan Manning](#)

2<sup>nd</sup> Term (former service in the House) TL: 2026  
614-644-7613 (LORAIN, Portions of ERIE and HURON)  
**Committee Assignments impacting our work:**  
Finance; Addiction and Community Revitalization  
<https://ohiosenate.gov/members/nathan-h-manning>



## MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

### [\(District 2\) Senator Theresa Gavarone](#)

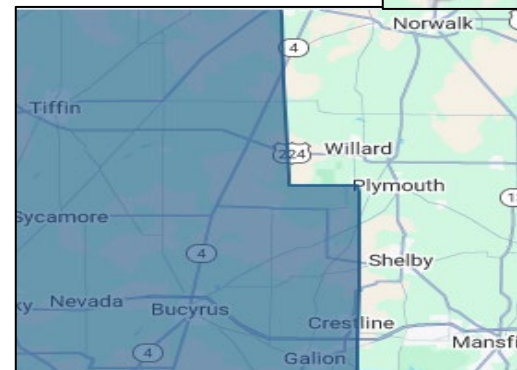
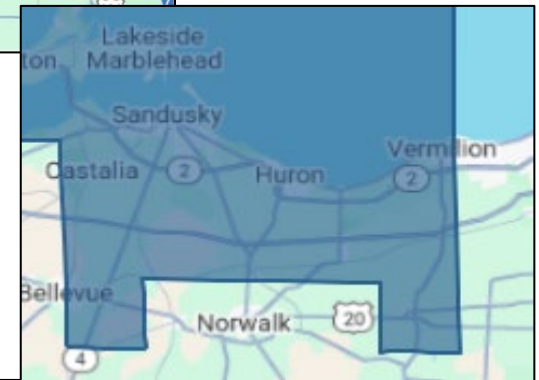
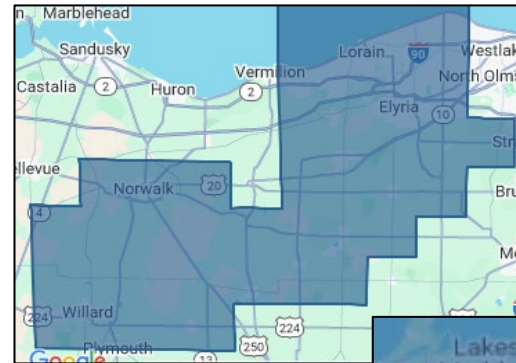
2<sup>nd</sup> Term (former service in the House) TL: 2028  
614-466-8060 (Portions of ERIE and HURON)  
**Committee Assignments impacting our work:**  
General Government, Small Business and Economic Opportunity  
<https://www.ohiosenate.gov/members/theresa-gavarone>



## SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

### [\(District 26\) Senator Bill Reineke](#)

2<sup>nd</sup> Term (former service in the House) TL: 2028  
614-466-8049 (CRAWFORD)  
**Committee Assignments impacting our work:**  
General Government, Higher Education  
<https://ohiosenate.gov/members/bill-reineke>

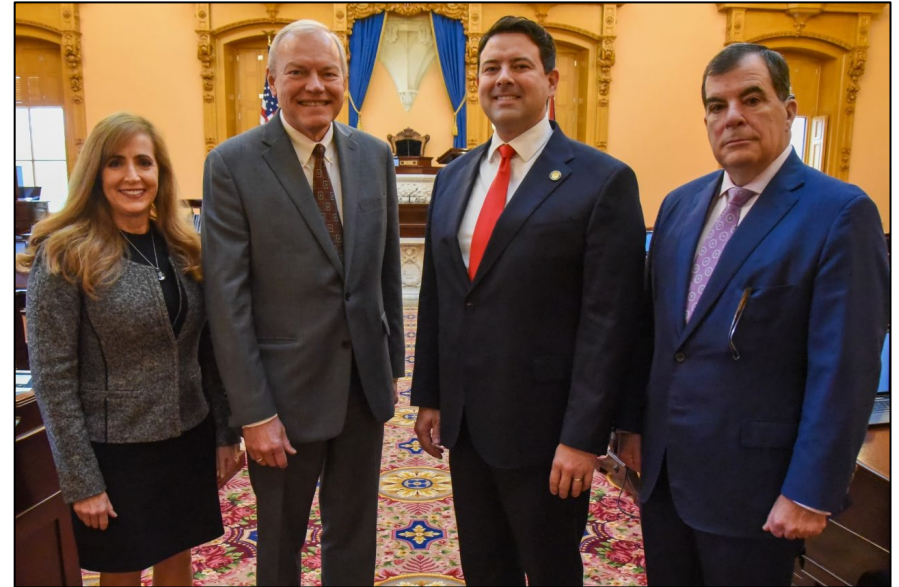


# STATE LEGISLATURE

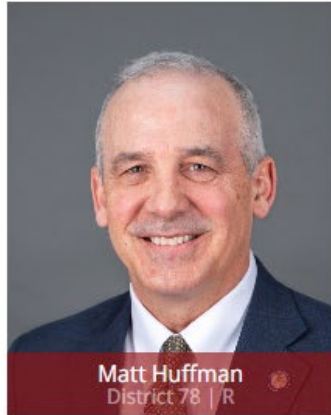
## 136<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY Senate Leadership

Senate Majority Floor Leader - Senator Theresa Gavarone  
Senate President Pro Tempore - Senator Bill Reineke  
Senate President - Senator Rob McColley  
Senate as Majority Whip - Senator George Lang

[Ohio Senate News Release - Leadership](#)



# 136<sup>th</sup> GA - HOUSE LEADERSHIP



**Speaker of the House**



**Speaker Pro Tempore**



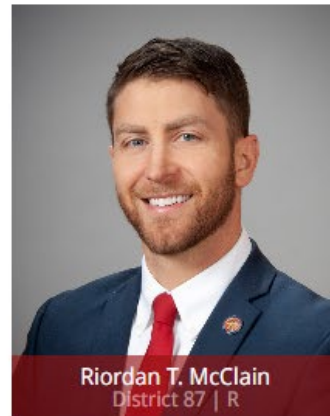
**Assistant Speaker Pro**



**Majority Floor Leader**



**Assistant Majority Floor**



**Majority Whip**



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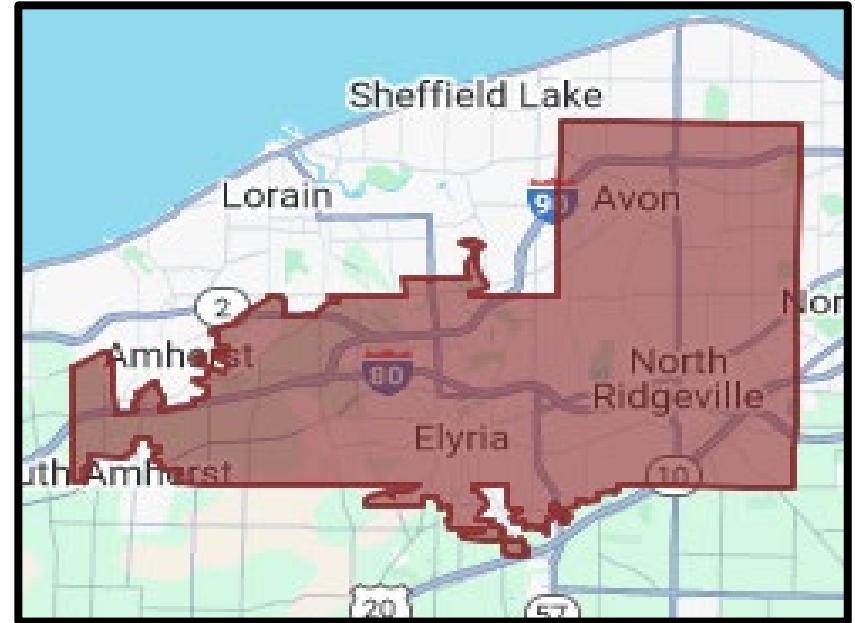
# OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 52



## Speaker Pro Tempore Gayle Manning (R)

The first female to hold this position!

- ❖ Resides in North Ridgeville
- ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> Term in the House
  - Education reform
  - Economic development
  - Community investment



Lorain County including North Ridgeville, Elyria and Avon

<https://findmydistrict.ohiosos.gov/>

**Contact Information:**

[Rep52@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:Rep52@ohiohouse.gov)

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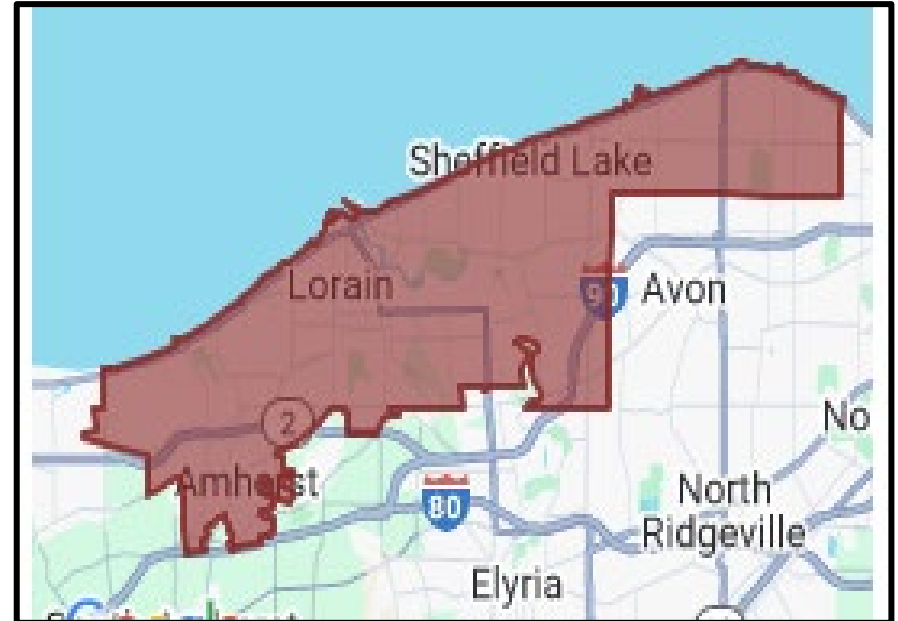


# OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 53



## Representative Joe Miller (D)

- ❖ 4<sup>th</sup> Term
- ❖ Resides in Amherst
- ❖ Former Educator
  - Education
  - Employment Opportunities
  - Veterans
- ❖ Married to Kelly and has 2 sons



Amherst, Avon Lake, Lorain, Sheffield, and Sheffield Lake

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### Contact Information:

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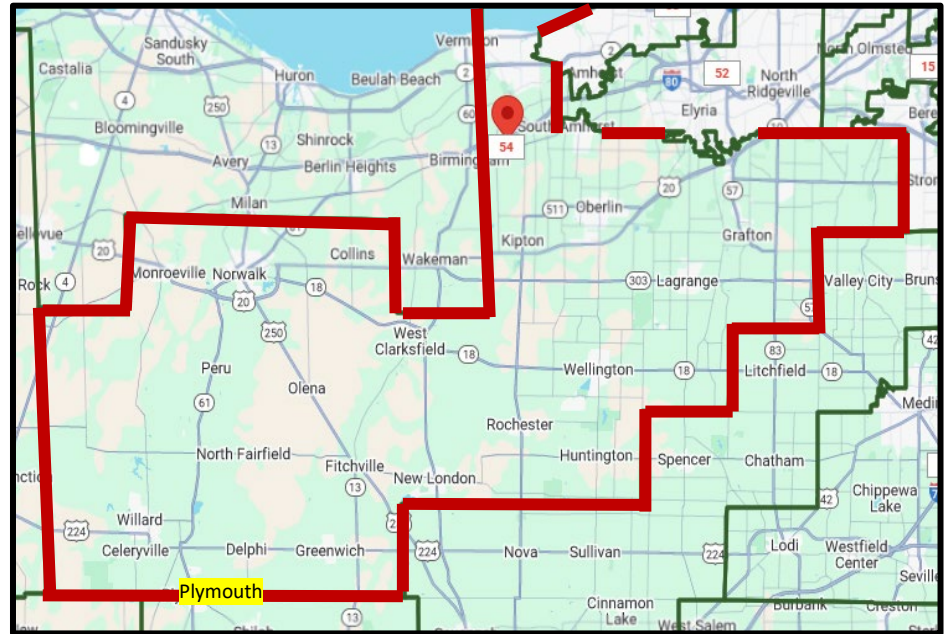
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# OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 54



## Representative Kellie Deeter (R)

- ❖ Resides in Norwalk
- ❖ Owner of Firelands Anesthesia
  - Certified Nurse Anesthetist
  - Certified Nurse Practitioner
- ❖ Her husband Keven (military veteran)
- ❖ Six children



## Portions of Huron and Lorain Counties

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## Contact Information:

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# OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 89



## Representative DJ Swearingen (R)

- ❖ Resides in Huron
- ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> Term
- ❖ Business Law (Wickens, Herzer, Panza)
- ❖ Wife Angela and 3 daughters



## Portions of Erie and Huron Counties

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## Contact Information:

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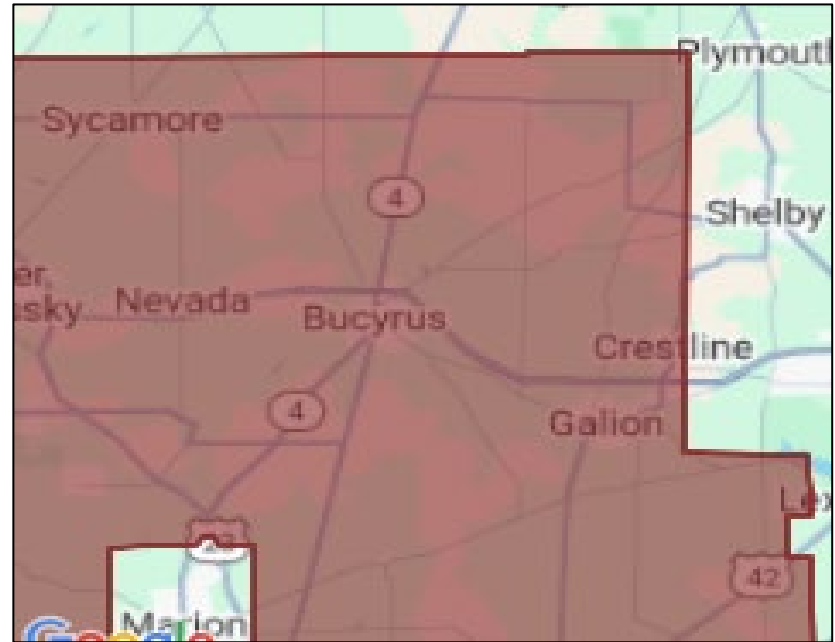
# OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 87



**Majority Whip**

**Representative Riordan McClain (R)**

- ❖ Resides in Upper Sandusky
- ❖ 3rd Term
- ❖ Director of Finance and Customer Service at Doc Investments LLC
- ❖ Wife Sarah and 5 children



**Crawford County**

<https://findmydistrict.ohiosos.gov/>

**Contact Information:**

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# WRITING YOUR MEMBERS

## EMAIL or ONLINE CONTACT FORM (Through Members Website)

Provides:  
**History of Contact**  
**Time/Date Stamp**  
**Personal Method of Communication &  
Relationship Building**

A congratulatory call, letter or email on their election to the 136th Ohio General Assembly goes a long way. Let them know you look forward to working with them throughout their term and will be a trusted partner on food insecurity and pending legislation.

[YOUR LETTER HEAD]

**Subject: Ensure Food Secure Tomorrow for All Ohioans**

Dear [MEMBER],

[YOUR ORGANIZATION] respectfully requests your support to increase funding for foodbanks in the FY 2024-2025 State Biennial Budget to help our vulnerable neighbors in these difficult times. For more than two decades, the Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio (Second Harvest) and the Ohio Association of Foodbanks, Ohio's largest charitable response to hunger, has successfully partnered with the State of Ohio to feed hungry Ohioans through the Ohio Food Program and the Agricultural Clearance Program (OPACP). Our organization, [YOUR ORGANIZATION], is a member of this vital network that serves the hungry Ohioans in your district.

The Ohio Association of Foodbanks, in partnership with Second Harvest, is respectfully requesting \$50 million per year over the FY 2024-2025 biennium (\$100 million total) to be allocated for the Ohio Food Program & Agricultural Clearance Program and capacity building resources for charitable organizations.

This funding will allow Ohio's statewide hunger relief network to direct the maximum amount of state dollars available to Ohioans who need it most, putting food on the tables of Ohio families, positioning our children to be healthy and ready to learn, protecting the welfare of our senior citizens and other vulnerable populations, and setting the anti-hunger, pro-agriculture standard among states.

Through our partnership with Second Harvest, we benefit directly from their ability to procure center-of-the-plate and shelf-stable foods and direct surplus and unmarketable agricultural products from nearly 100 Ohio farmers and producers through the state's network of foodbanks and onto the tables of Ohio families, ensuring a source of nutritious, Ohio-raised food for Ohioans experiencing food hardship.

Last year, [Your Organization] distributed nearly **XX** pounds of fresh produce and shelf-stable foods through these programs, providing **XX** meals to feed seniors, families and low-income individuals.

While much of the food we receive is sourced through charitable donations from individuals, foundations, corporations, and manufacturers, **support from the Governor and the Ohio General Assembly for our state-funded programs is critical because we do not have the ability to consistently serve the high need alone without the support of Ohio.**

We look forward to your feedback and your support on our funding request.

Thank you,

[Your Signature Block with Contact Information and Address]



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# LAST BUDGET

## Overview of 24-25 State Budget

Requested:

**\$50  
Million/Year**



Received:

**\$32.05  
Million/Year**

Between the \$25 million/year appropriated in the SFY 22-23 budget combined with various pandemic-relief funds (ARPA, CARES) OAF's state appropriation for the previous two years was ~\$50/million year. While \$50 million/year was the largest we'd requested, need continued to demonstrate it was critical that our network maintain funding at this level.

Nov-24



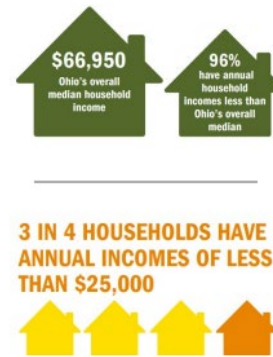
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# SINCE LAST BUDGET (CONT.)

**DEC 2023 and 2024** 2018 Farm Bill Reauthorized (no increase in federal commodities)

**FEB 2024** HB 428 Introduced (increase minimum SNAP benefit to \$50 for older Ohioans (increased awareness of SNAP benefits inadequacy)

**APR 2024** Hunger Study conducted by Ohio Association of Foodbanks



**74.7%**  
of households include at least one member under 18, over 60, and/or disabled

OHIO  
ASSOCIATION OF  
FOODBANKS

# #1 PRIORITY – FUNDING

**\$50 million/year (\$100 million total)**

Feeding Ohio families, supporting children’s health, and protecting vulnerable populations. Together, we’re leading in anti-hunger and pro-agriculture efforts.

- Procure fruits, vegetables, dairy, protein, and other center-of-the-plate foods
- Safely and efficiently store and distribute foods throughout all of Ohio
- Sustain local capacity to handle and serve healthy and perishable products

*TELL YOUR STORY*

**ACTION:** At every opportunity discuss with OH Senators and Representatives.

# #1 PRIORITY – FUNDING (CONT.)

- It's not everything we need, but the funding would keep the State of Ohio on pace with its share of the overall food supply that **we have to source** to keep people from going hungry
  - Ohio Food Programs and Agriculture (OhioCAN)
- It's roughly equal to what we received from 2024-2025; high food costs continue to impact our ability to meet the increased historic level of need – **Ohioans desperately need more help**
- Asking for more would be viewed as unreasonable; we recognize the difficulty in the budget and only ask what we need to sustain.

# ADDITIONAL ADVOCACY EFFORTS

## Older Adult \$50 Minimum SNAP Benefit legislation

- Bi-partisan joint sponsors in the Ohio House last session.

## Hunger-Free Campus

- Ensure college students have access to food to promote learning
- Reached out to Rep. Brennen leading the effort, requested Rep. Manning to join

## Maintaining/Expanding Healthy School Meals for All

- Reduced-price meal category currently being offset with state funding (no cost to families, schools reimbursed the same as free meal category)
- Hunger-Free Schools Ohio campaign pushing for universal no-cost meals
- Unclear on cost for 2026-27, as additional schools attained CEO eligibility

## Food Is Medicine Pilot Funding



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**SAVE THE DATE:**

# **Friends of the Foodbanks Advocacy Day**

**Wednesday, February 12, 2025**

Mark your calendars for a day of advocacy on Ohio Capitol Square! Join us for a luncheon at the Ohio Statehouse and legislative meetings with members the 136th Ohio General Assembly.



  
**OHIO**  
ASSOCIATION OF  
FOODBANKS

Registration open through January 22

Questions? Contact Sarah at  
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# UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

➔ **Feb 12:** Food Banks Advocacy Day – State Budget – Please share!

- [Register HERE](#)

**Mar 4-6:** Feeding America Fly-In Washington, DC

**Mar 10:** Legislative Service Day at Second Harvest (Annual Update)

**Apr 14-25:** Spring Recess for Congress (schedule visits in district)

**May:** Community Roundtables in Each County

- Let us know if you have a location to meet or would like to host at your site

**August:** Summer Recess for Congress (schedule visits in district)

**October:** Community Roundtables in Each County

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# SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT



Website

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Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/Second.Harvest.Food.Bank.Ohio/>



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<https://x.com/SecondHarvestOH>



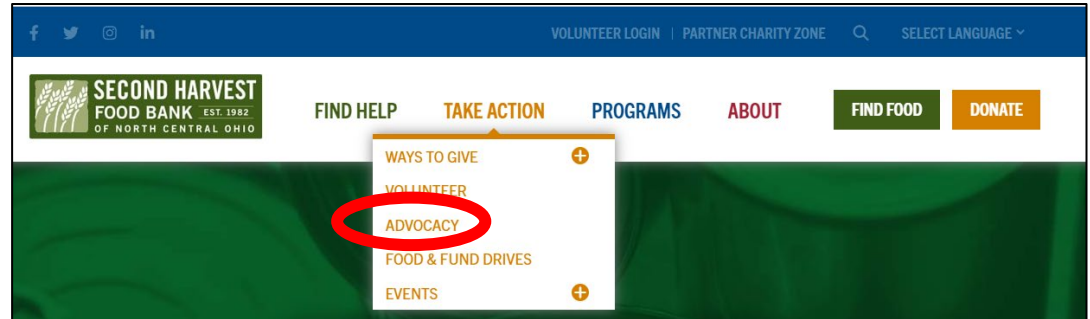
Linked In

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/207650/admin/>

# ADVOCACY RESOURCES ON OUR WEBSITE

Empower Your Community to  
Take Action

- Post-Training Materials
- Resource Flyers
- Advocacy Efforts
- Upcoming Community Advocacy Events
- Partner Websites and Community Resources
- Poverty Simulation Training



<https://www.secondharvestfoodbank.org/take-action/advocacy>

Resources in Partner Charity Zone!

<https://www.secondharvestfoodbank.org/partners>

SHARE YOUR STORY

***“IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO BE COMPASSIONATE, YOU MUST ACT” ~THE DALAI LAMA***

## Be **Active** – Anyone Can Do It

Get to know elected officials and staff and encourage visits to the Second Harvest network

- Local (Mayors, City Managers, Council, Commissioners)
- State (State Representatives & Senators)
- Federal (Senate and House of Representatives)

Attend events where your legislators are going to be and make a point to talk to them

- Community Events
- Town Halls
- Round Tables
- Speaking Engagements

Ask them to come for a visit and see your program first-hand

- New Programs
- Empty Shelves
- Mobile pantries, hot meals, events

**We are a NON-PARTISAN organization but we ARE able to advocate on policy issues**

***Collective Voice matters the most***





# Types of Advocacy Actions

Group Advocacy Event

Visit to Legislator's Office

Letters to the Editor | Op Eds

Call from Donor or Board Member

Call from Constituent

Personal Emails

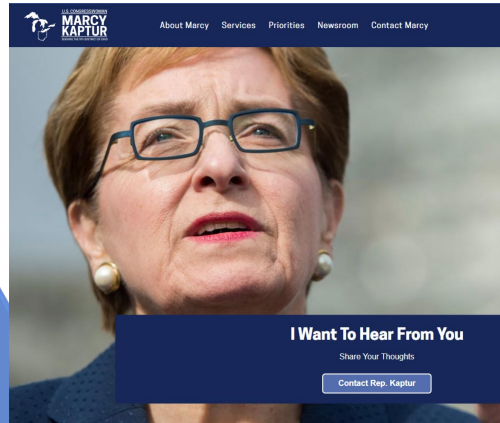
Online Member **Contact** Form

Formal Letter from Partners

Sign-On Letter

Form Letters

Social Media Shares



# Questions?



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A  
brighter future  
for all  
by cultivating  
a healthy,  
hunger-free  
community