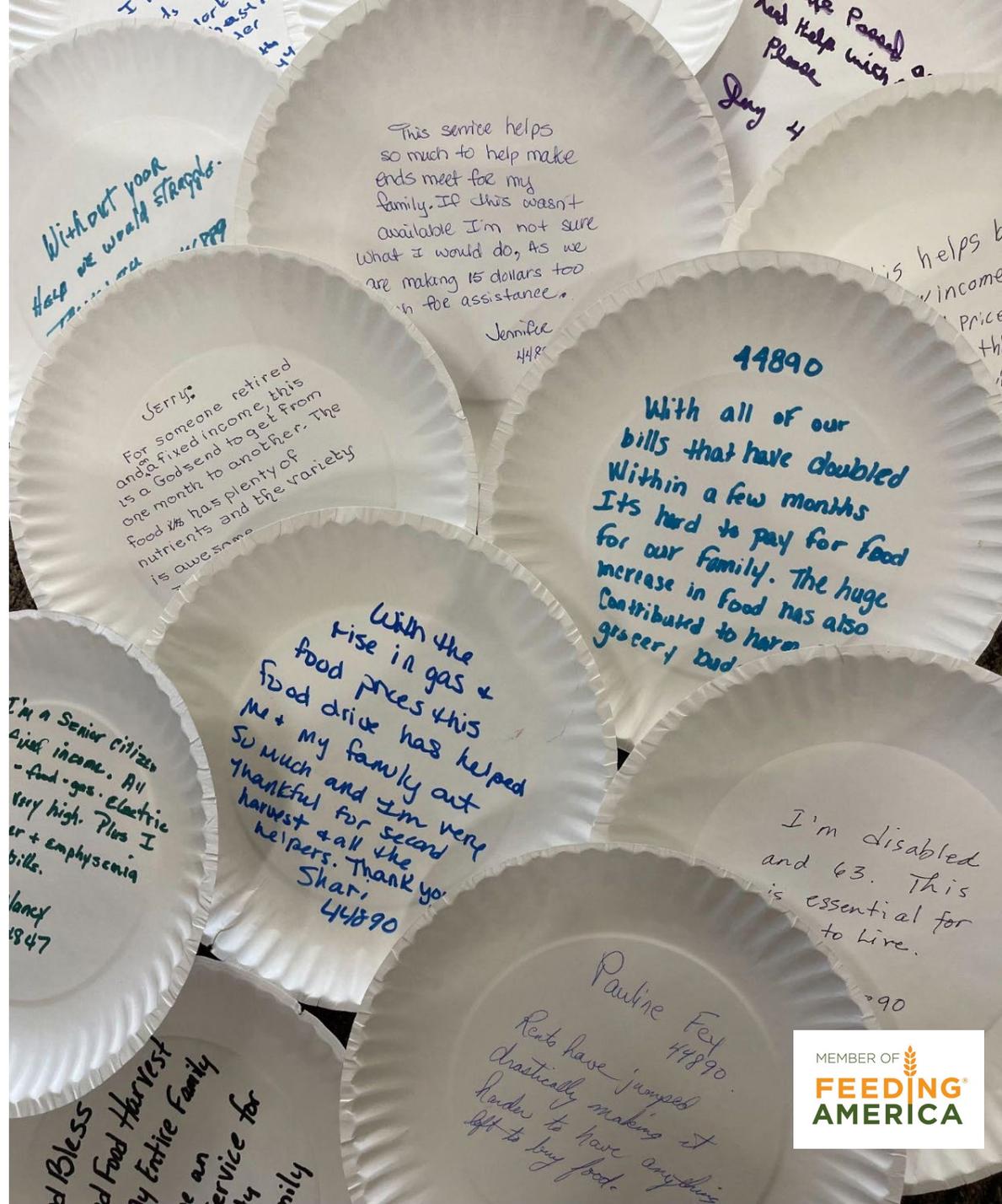


# March 2023

## Partner Charity ADVOCACY



# NEW Advocacy Page on our Website

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



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### Extra SNAP benefits will end for all SNAP households beginning in March 2023.

Each month during the pandemic, SNAP benefits have been loaded onto your card two separate times. Beginning in March, you will only receive the amount of your first benefit.

**Call volume will be high.** **Update your information.** **Help is available.**

**You do not need to take action.** To check your benefit amount or balance, setup an account to track your funds at [ConnectEBT.com](https://connectebt.com) or call 1-866-386-3071.

**Go to [benefits.ohio.gov](https://benefits.ohio.gov)** to report changes to your address, income, etc. Visit [ohiofoodbanks.org](https://ohiofoodbanks.org) and click **Get Help** to talk to a SNAP outreach specialist about a benefits check-up.

**Need more help with food?** Please visit [ohiofoodbanks.org](https://ohiofoodbanks.org) and click **Find Your Foodbank** to connect with free groceries, meals, and more.

The benefits currently on your card will not go away. Still have questions? Call **1-844-640-6446** – call volume may be high. Need more help navigating your benefits? Go to [OhioLegalHelp.org](https://ohiolegalhelp.org) for information and referrals.



### Tell Us Your Story

Have you and your family been personally affected by the end of the SNAP Emergency Alleviations? Your stories can have a tremendous impact. Your personal experiences and words can inspire your elected officials and policy makers to take action.

Name:

First Name:  Last Name:

Email:

[snapp@secondharvest.org](mailto:snapp@secondharvest.org)

Share your story below:

## Access resources in Partner Charity Zone!

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# ADVOCACY

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

## The **Active** Advocate Role

*Collective Voice matters most*

- Calls
- Emails
- Letters to the Editor
- Articles / Media
- Personal Stories\*
- Share posts that tag elected officials

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)



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751 followers

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Hundreds of thousands of families across our service region depend on Second Harvest and our network of partner charities to put food on the table.

Tell Congress to strengthen emergency food assistance by providing additional funding for The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) to help provide meat, produce, and more to our neighbors in need. We need to keep these programs strong to ensure NO ONE in our community goes hungry!

Take action HERE 🙌 [https://bit.ly/SHFB\\_TEFAP](https://bit.ly/SHFB_TEFAP)



Food banks fight inflation, pandemic's aftershocks

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# HOW DOES ADVOCACY HELP?

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

## Federal

- Farm Bill Appropriation
  - TEFAP
  - Child Nutrition
  - SNAP
  - CSFP
- Grants

## State

- ARPA Requests
- Biennial Budget

## Local

- CDBG \$\$
- ARPA Request



**Julie Chase Morefield** @jcmorefield · Jun 23

The [#KeepKidsFedAct](#) has passed the House! It allows school & child nutrition providers to reach more kids in the year ahead. NOW is the time to call Senators Brown & Portman to urge them to vote yes on The Keep Kids Fed Act!



npr.org

Biden signs the school meal waivers bill into law, but free meals are ov...  
Congress passed an extension for some of the school meal waivers that supported families and schools during the pandemic, but they'll end f...

# ADVOCACY ACTIONS = OPPORTUNITY

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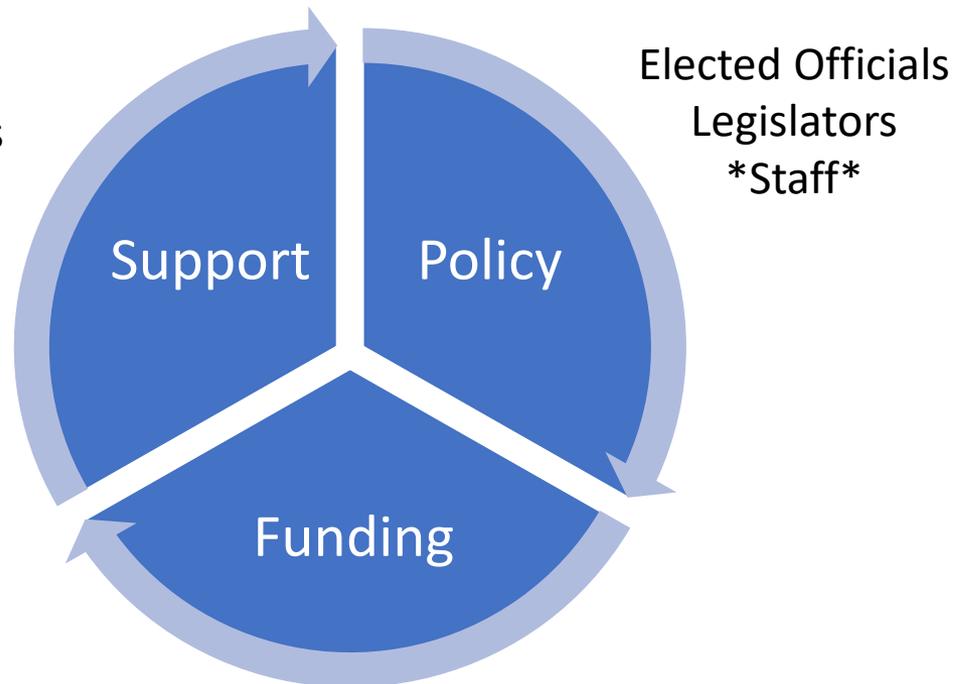
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WHO

WHY

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Local  
CBDG

State  
OH Biennial Budget

Federal  
Farm Bill (5 Yrs)

CBDG - Community Block Development Grants

# GREATEST IMPACT >>> IN DISTRICT VISITS



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# GREATEST IMPACT >>> PERSONAL STORIES

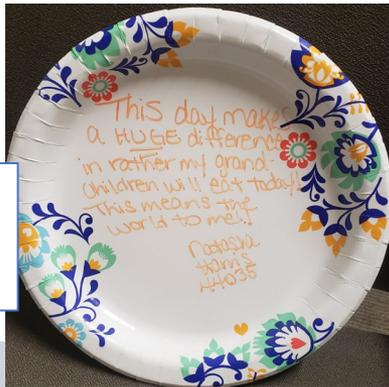


*"I am a single mom on a fixed income, and coming to the food banks helps my family (of 5) when we run out. Every bit of food goes a long way. Thank you Second Harvest for helping so many familys."* ~ Sheila - Lorain, OH

*"Second Harvest Food Bank: Helps me to have food to eat. Cost of food has increased so much lately. I'm just beyond income level for Snap. I'm a senior citizen and vet. Everything is going up in price. God bless the USA."*  
44870

*The food means we have a couple extra meals each month for myself and kids. Costs are going up so much it is hard to afford a lot of groceries especially when unable to obtain food stamps and only one income.*  
Heather, 44870

*"This day makes a HUGE difference in rather my grandchildren will eat today. This means the world to me."*  
~ Natasha - Lorain, OH



Now my regular date on Thursday afternoons, this vision has in the last couple of months become a beacon of light - and food security for myself and my goobers - and for that I am deeply thankful!

Don't get me wrong; I still cry every time I drive away, in both relief and mortification....  
-My pride may have been beheaded at knee- high, but this mama bear will keep coming back to the long lines at Second Harvest Food Bank in Lorain, for as long as I need, to make sure I have food security for myself and my kids!

I cannot say it enough; how incredibly much I appreciate the hardworking employees and volunteers at Second Harvest Foodbank, who stand outside in the unpredictable and often bonechilling Ohio weather to give this essential security to our community! ❤️

I'm also SO incredibly humbled, awed and grateful to my friends over here in the US, who have rallied around me - reached out a hand and helped not only keep my fridge stocked, have food on the table for the Holidays and heat in my house - but also my head above water and my heart overflowing with deep felt and emotional gratitude - y'all know who you are! 🙏

#it'sthankfulthursday



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# Spotlight Opportunity !!

This summer, Feeding America will bring together up to 100 anti-hunger advocates with lived experience of food insecurity to build community, learn from each other and speak with decision-makers.

We invite you to nominate individuals to join the **Elevating Voices: Power Summit July 12-13** in Washington, D.C. Participants will have prominent roles in planning the gathering. We want the summit to reflect the priorities of our neighbors with lived experience and to serve as a forum where they can share their concerns and ideas for anti-hunger solutions. This will include an opportunity to talk with policymakers about farm bill priorities.

Partner food banks and Partner State Associations may nominate up to two people to participate. If an individual you nominate is selected, your organization will be eligible for a \$3,000 grant to cover travel, expenses and compensation for the summit participant.

Nominations are due **April 7**.

Watch our [informational webinar](#) using the password **pUdYesW2** to learn more about the summit and nomination process.

[Nominate Neighbors for the July Advocacy Summit](#)



# 118<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS

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[Senator Brown, Sherrod](#) (D)

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**Senate:** 2023-Present

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**Joint Economic Committee**  
**Special Committee on Aging**

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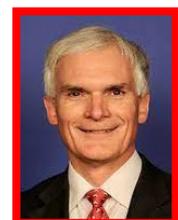
Rep. Marcy Kaptur

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**Appropriations**



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**Energy and Commerce**



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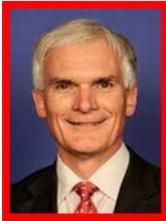
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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## Current Congressional Districts



Rep. Marcy Kaptur



Rep. Bob Latta



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Last Revised 01/2023



From: Food Research & Action Center <[shayward@frac.org](mailto:shayward@frac.org)>

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 2:08 PM

To: Julie Chase-Morefield <[jmorefield@secondharvestfoodbank.org](mailto:jmorefield@secondharvestfoodbank.org)>

Subject: Urge Your House Representative to Sign Free School Meals for All Letter



# ACTION ALERT

**Representatives  
Kaptur and Latta  
can sign on  
Deadline 3/17 @  
Midnight**

## **Take Action Now: Urge Your U.S. House Representative to Sign Congressional Letter for Free Healthy School Meals for All**

Join The Food Research & Action Center (FRAC) in urging House Representatives to sign the [Dear Colleague letter here](#) calling for free healthy school meals for all students, led by Representative Gottheimer.

During the pandemic, Congress and USDA took immediate action to allow schools to offer free meals to all students. For more than two years, our country had the opportunity to pilot nationwide free school meals and it was a resounding success. Free school meals for all supports nutrition and academic achievement, reduces the stigma associated with school meals and eases school nutrition operations.

Some states decided they did not want to go back to a tiered-payment system. California, Maine and Colorado have passed policies to make free school meals available to all students as a permanent part of the school day and many more are poised to follow suit. But all children, regardless of the state where they reside, would benefit from free school meals and we need to make this a nationwide reality.

Rep. Gottheimer's call for free school meals for all in the FY 2024 appropriations bill would be a

[Gottheimer-HSMFA-Dear-Colleague-Letter-031523-2.pdf \(frac.org\)](#)



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# ACT NOW

## Copy and Paste Link in Your Browser

[https://act.feedingamerica.org/R97FxdMzpUi1W5dBdcPdqw2?source=E2333GAAV&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=owned&utm\\_content=advocacy&utm\\_term=advocate&utm\\_campaign=fy23\\_advocacy\\_team\\_efort&contactdata=su7etSQZs9ph%2f17Cxl6eVRq3ObBxqXgnqXqmWbm2UIYB6nGdQ+nE9IXqrhaG2esor3zdWPxQhtmc0xip5QtKw%3d%3d&emci=7c0066aa-8dbb-ed11-a8e0-00224832e811&emdi=f932dfae-74c2-ed11-a8e0-00224832e811&ceid=17030406](https://act.feedingamerica.org/R97FxdMzpUi1W5dBdcPdqw2?source=E2333GAAV&utm_medium=email&utm_source=owned&utm_content=advocacy&utm_term=advocate&utm_campaign=fy23_advocacy_team_efort&contactdata=su7etSQZs9ph%2f17Cxl6eVRq3ObBxqXgnqXqmWbm2UIYB6nGdQ+nE9IXqrhaG2esor3zdWPxQhtmc0xip5QtKw%3d%3d&emci=7c0066aa-8dbb-ed11-a8e0-00224832e811&emdi=f932dfae-74c2-ed11-a8e0-00224832e811&ceid=17030406)



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## Help End Hunger Today

Take future action with a single click. [Log in](#) or [Sign up](#) for FastAction



### Urge Congress: Permanently expand SNAP benefits!

At least \$2.5 billion in monthly emergency food benefits are expiring nationwide, leaving millions of people facing a sudden financial cliff. Enrolled families with children will lose an average of \$223 in monthly Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, and households with seniors will lose an average of \$168.

With high food prices, a dollar just doesn't stretch as far. SNAP is the nation's largest nutrition program. **Tell your lawmakers to permanently and sustainably expand SNAP benefits in the 2023 Farm Bill!**

Your letter will automatically be delivered to your lawmakers in the U.S. Congress.

#### Contact Information

Prefix	First Name	Last Name
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Street Address

Postal Code	City	State/Province
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Email

Home Phone

Remember me so that I can use FastAction next time.

#### Expand SNAP in the 2023 Farm Bill as emergency benefits expire

Dear [Decision Maker],

Personalize your message

At least \$2.5 billion in monthly emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits are expiring, leaving millions of people feeling the pinch. The extra money from these emergency allotments was a lifeline for families on tight budgets and seniors on fixed incomes. Families are already spending more on groceries with food prices still high--this loss of benefits will have a devastating impact.

You have a chance to help by including strong, permanent and sustainable SNAP provisions in the 2023 Farm Bill. This includes:

- Increasing SNAP's purchasing power by basing benefits on the Low-Cost Food Plan to bring

Sincerely,  
[Your information here]

**SEND MESSAGE**

# FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2023 FARM BILL

SAVE THE DATE  
Zoom Training  
April 28  
Noon

Feeding America calls on lawmakers to:

- Reauthorize & Increase TEFAP funding - feed people and support U.S. agriculture.
- Bolster the TEFAP Farm to Food Bank Program.
- Increase SNAP's purchasing power (move from Thrifty Food Plan to Low Cost-Food Plan)
- Streamline SNAP eligibility and enrollment processes.
- Provide better support for individuals seeking employment.
- Reauthorize and streamline CSFP.
- Ensure the inclusion of cultural foods in hunger-relief programs.

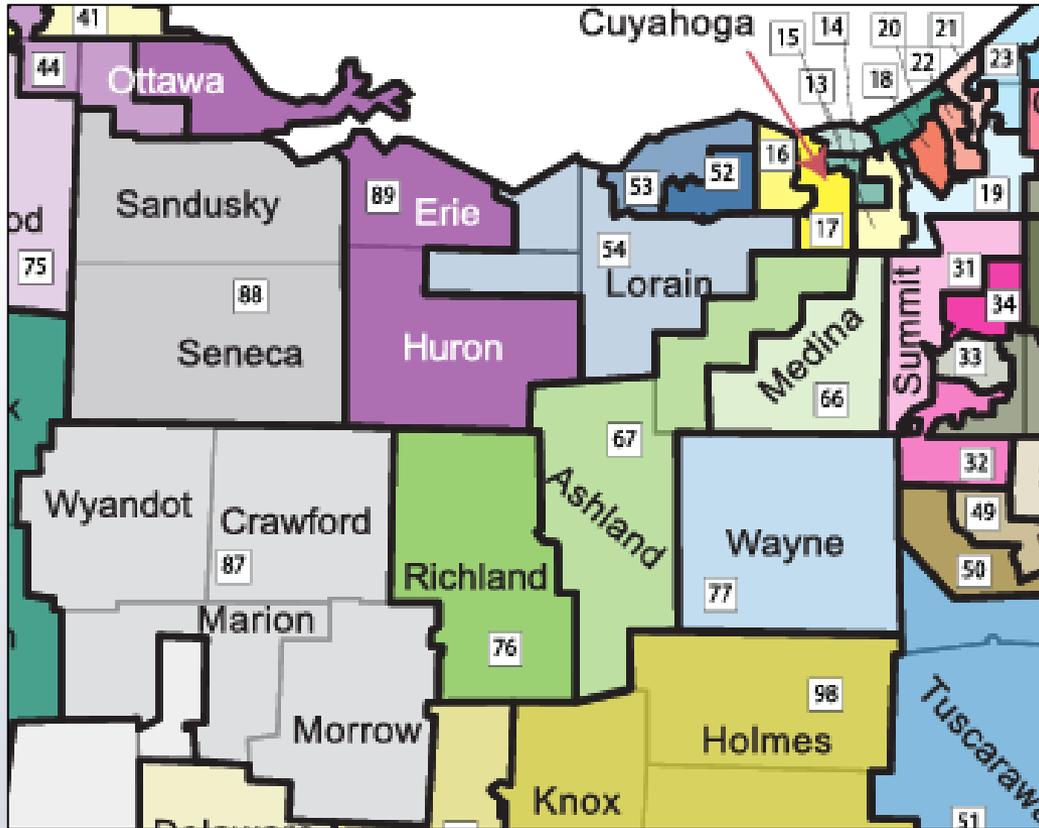
<https://feedingamericaaction.org/learn/legislation-watch/farm-bill/>

[State-by-State Resource: How Food Banks and the Farm Bill's Nutrition Programs Address Hunger in the United States - Feeding America Action](#)





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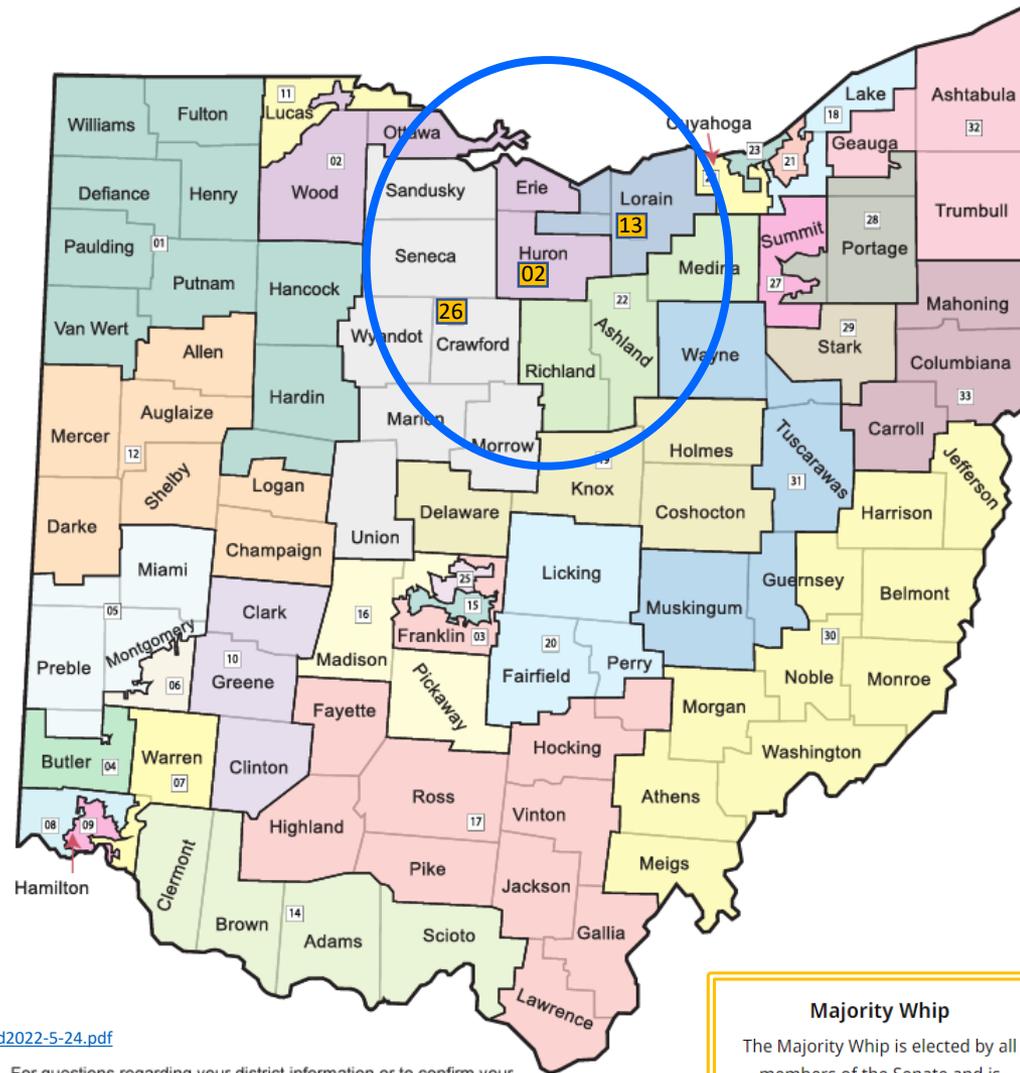
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### Majority Whip

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# SNAP EMERGENCY ALLOTMENTS END

Food purchasing power for individuals and families

Economic benefit to local economies

- Every \$1 spent = \$1.50 to \$1.90 in economic activity

*Document the Impact – Personal Stories and Data!*

When added to cash income, regular SNAP and EA moved nearly 4-in-10 households out of poverty

\*<https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/characteristics-snap-households-fy-2020-and-early-months-covid-19-pandemic-characteristics>



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# HOW DOES IT IMPACT OUR COMMUNITY?



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Your Operations

Client Stories

The Economy



# SNAP IMPACT on OUR SERVICE AREA



Department of  
Job and Family Services



## Program Detail: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

SNAP	Caseload		Demographics		\$ Impact
	Households	Active Members	Adults	Children	Loss of Revenue
Crawford	3,365	6,645	4,151	2,494	\$539,189.57
Erie	4,807	9,283	5,476	3,807	\$745,461.03
Huron	3,503	7,343	4,226	3,117	\$601,832.01
Lorain	17,236	35,827	19,913	15,914	\$2,899,736.05

<https://jfs.ohio.gov/pams/Caseload-Summary-Report-November-2022.stm>



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# WHAT CAN THE STATE DO?

Get Seniors to \$50 a month

**\$21 million per fiscal year to provide a \$50 state-supplemented minimum SNAP benefit to all Ohioans age 60 and up, as proposed by the Ohio Association of Foodbanks.**

**The current federally-funded SNAP minimum benefit is just \$23 per month.**

DOCUMENT  
the  
IMPACT

MAKE the ASK  
For  
SUPPORT

# CALL to ACTION

OHIO can be the leader and set the anti-hunger, pro-agriculture standard among states.

## STATE BUDGET REQUEST

- Ohio Food Program & Agricultural Clearance Program (\$49 million per year)
  - To secure and distribute at least 65 million pounds of food (54 million meals).
  - Purchase essential non-food household items (shampoo, toothpaste, baby wipes, diapers, toilet paper, etc..)
- Capacity Building Resources for Charitable Organizations (\$1 million per year)
  - To provide refrigeration & freezer units and other necessary equipment for food pantries to handle more perishable protein, dairy, and produce.

Please **reach out**  
and **invite**  
your state **representatives**  
and **senators**  
to visit us **IN ACTION.**



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### OHIO ASSOCIATION OF FOODBANKS

## ENSURING A FOOD SECURE TOMORROW FOR ALL OHIOANS



For more than two decades, 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 Agricultural Clearance Program (OPFACP). There is no better example of a highly efficient, cost-effective public-private partnership in Ohio. Through this partnership we procure center-of-the-plate and shelf-stable foods and direct surplus and marketable 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.

**WHAT WE DO**

The Ohio Association of Foodbanks represents Ohio's 12 Feeding America foodbanks and 3,600 member charities including food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and supplemental feeding programs. In SFY 2022, the association and its member foodbanks were able to acquire and distribute more than 2.2 million pounds of food and grocery items.

While much of the food our network distributes is sourced through charitable donations from individuals, foundations, corporations, and manufacturers, it takes support from the governor and the Ohio General Assembly to make it possible for us to procure fresh fruits, vegetables, proteins, and staple items for foodbanks serving Ohioans across all 88 counties - wholesome items we don't normally see in our traditional donation streams, and foods that keep children, parents, workers, disabled Ohioans, and older adults nourished.

Our successful, decades-long public-private partnership with the State of Ohio supports:

- **Our workforce:** providing a safety net for workers; preventing job loss and greater economic hardship by responding to household income shortfalls during personal or community crises, from a car repair bill to a tornado
- **Our families and older adults:** helping kids learn and grow; supporting parents so they can focus on keeping up with other household expenses from housing to health care; and rethinking how we support older adults as they strive to age in place with dignity and in better health
- **Our agriculture and food producers:** supporting agricultural and food supply chains; providing a safety net for producers facing climate and market instability; reducing food waste

However, there is still much work that needs to be done.

### FEEDING AMERICA FOODBANKS



# SIGN THIS TODAY!

[Sign on to urge Ohio leaders to provide \\$50 million per year to Ohio's Foodbanks in SFY2024-2025 state budget \(p2a.co\)](https://p2a.co)



## Sign on to urge Ohio leaders to provide \$50 million per year to Ohio's Foodbanks in SFY2024-2025 state budget

For more than two decades, the Ohio Association of Foodbanks (OAF) has successfully partnered with the State of Ohio to provide food to those in need through the Ohio Food Program and Agricultural Clearance Program (OFACP). Through this program, we've been able to procure fresh fruits, vegetables, proteins and shelf stable items for our 12 member foodbanks and 3,600 partner agencies serving Ohioans across all 88 counties – wholesome items we don't normally see in our traditional donation streams, and foods that keep children, parents, workers, disabled Ohioans, and older adults nourished.

Over the past 3 years, our foodbanks continue to respond to elevated need, in partnership with local, state, and federal governments, private donors and funders, and generous community members. From July 2022 to September 2022, Ohio foodbanks and their partner food pantries served 42% more people than during the same quarter in 2021 - providing take-home groceries nearly 3 million times in just 3 months. Free school meals for all Ohio students have ended. The expanded Child Tax Credit monthly payments for families with kids have ended. Now, 1.5 million Ohioans who have been receiving increased SNAP Emergency Allotments are seeing their benefits reduced significantly – by an average of \$90 per person, per month – and we will be called on to fill the gap. We can't do that alone.

That is why we're calling on the Ohio General Assembly and the DeWine Administration to help us support our neighbors. We're respectfully requesting \$50 million per year in the FY 2024-2025 biennial budget to ensure basic needs are met for all Ohioans. Please add your name in support and join Ohio's foodbanks in calling on Ohio leaders to support Ohioans in need and the organizations that serve them.

### Enter your information to sign on now!

Title

Title

Your full name

Zip code

city and state not required

Phone number

Email address

- Send me emails about this campaign
- Send me text messages about this campaign



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# WRITING YOUR MEMBERS

History of Contact

Time/Date Stamp

Personal Method

[YOUR LETTER HEAD]

**Subject: Ensuring Food Security 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]







# MOMENTUM

Up to \$350 million per fiscal year to provide free school breakfast and lunches to all students in Ohio, an initiative led by the Hunger Free Schools Ohio Coalition. School meals were free during the height of the pandemic, and school meal debts have accumulated to record numbers in many school districts and school meal participation is down across the board.

- Support of Speaker Stephens and members of the Ohio General Assembly.
- OHIO Advocacy Day - Thursday (March 23<sup>rd</sup>)
- Interested in joining Hunger-Free Schools OH legislative committee?  
Let me know.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScLt7mOITLiPXyl3GcVnhSX\\_JISei\\_4RguS2uBva9ZukRK3Q/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScLt7mOITLiPXyl3GcVnhSX_JISei_4RguS2uBva9ZukRK3Q/viewform)

Show us your support

The more we can show our policymakers that their constituents care, the faster we can make school meals for all Ohio students a reality.

JOIN THE CAMPAIGN



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# ADVOCACY ALERT

**ACTION:** For our service areas of Crawford, Huron, Erie and Lorain counties, here are your elected officials:

Senator Nathan Manning – 614-644-7613 (LORAIN, HURON)  
Senator Theresa Gavarone – 614-466-8060 (ERIE)  
Senator Bill Reineke – 614-466-8049 (CRAWFORD)

Representative Gayle Manning – 614-644-5076 (LORAIN)  
Representative Joe Miller – 614-466-9628 (LORAIN)  
Representative Dick Stein – 614-466-9628 (HURON, LORAIN)  
Representative D.J. Swearingen – 614-644-6011 (HURON)  
Representative Riordan McClain – 614-644-6265 (CRAWFORD)

Example Phone Call to your elected Senator or Representative:

My name is XXX. I am a constituent and live in XXX, OH. I am also a (Board Member, Organization, Partner Charity, Farmer, etc...) who works with Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio. I am calling to request your support of the updated \$90 million request made by the Ohio Association of Food Banks, on behalf of the 12 food-bank members. This investment by OHIO will help rebuild the emergency network handling the food assistance needs of vulnerable Ohioans and increase the long-term capacity of this network. Throughout the pandemic, without fail, Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio has strived to maintain operations to meet the increasing needs in communities and to ensure it is well-equipped to handle all challenges. This funding will provide desperately needed food and personal care items during a sustained period of inflation and economic instability resulting in higher prices for food and fuel, declines in donated food, historic levels of hardship and need, and expiration of vital pandemic-related relief measures. Investment in our Food Bank network is an investment in Ohio.

I thank you for your time and support.



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# Elected Official & Legislative Contact 2023

Jan 12: (Rep. Marcy Kaptur) Austin Serna, AG Legislative Aide @ SHFB

Jan 24: Zoom Call with (Rep. Bob Latta) Emily Hebein, Legislative Aide

Jan 30 : Sandusky Hub Stakeholder Meeting

- (Sen. J.D. Vance) Tim Schneider, Northwest Director; (Rep. Marcy Kaptur) Austin Serna, AG Legislative Aide; City of Sandusky Representatives; Sandusky City Commissioners Dennis Murray, Jr. (Guest Speaker) and Steve Poggiali; Erie County Commissioner Stephen Shoffner (Guest Speaker)

Feb 27: Donor Event, Nordson Distribution Center, SHFB

- Lorain County Commissioner Michelle Hung; Lorain Mayor Jack Bradley; Elyria Mayor Frank Whitfield

Feb 21: Statehouse Meeting with Ohio Association of Foodbanks

- Speaker Jason Stephens; Representative Sara Carruthers, Chair Health and Human Services Subcommittee of Finance

Feb 22: (3 hour meeting) Commissioner Jeff Riddell, John Gall, Kevin Nelson from Northwest Bank @ SHFB

Feb 23: Lorain Mayor Jack Bradley Address

- Informal meeting with Lorain Commissioner Michelle Hung, Follow-up meeting requested

Mar 2: Harvest for Hunger Kick-off 4-6PM

Mar 7: Elyria Mayor's Address

Mar 13: Meeting with (Senator Vance) Adi Niese, Coalitions Director and Graham Lescallete, Northeast Director @SHFB

Mar 15: Ohio Association of Foodbanks Testifies before subcommittee on finance



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# UPCOMING ADVOCACY EVENTS

Mar 20: SHFB meeting with (Lorain County) Commissioner Hung.

Mar 23: Hunger Free Schools Ohio Advocacy Day @ the Statehouse

Mar 29: House Lobby Day

- 11AM: Representative Riordan McClain (Crawford)
- 2 PM: Representative Gayle Manning (Lorain)
- 3:30 PM: Representative Joe Miller (Lorain)

Apr 3-14: Spring Recess for Congress and Ohio General Assembly  
(schedule visits in district)

May 1: Health and Hunger Convening @ Southeast Ohio Foodbank

May 3: Senate Lobby Day w/ Coalition Partners \* See next slide

May 7-9: FRAC Anti-Hunger Policy Conference in Washington, D.C.

Jun 30: Governor Signs State Budget 2023-2024

Need Visits With:

Rep. Latta

\*Sen. Gavarone

Sen. Reineke

\*Rep. Swearingen



*Join us*  
for a  
*Friends of Foodbanks Day*  
*at the Ohio Statehouse*

**Wednesday, May 3, 2023**

Meetings throughout the day, followed  
by a reception from 5:00PM to 7:00PM

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# SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

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# REACHING OUT ON SOCIALS

## Check Members Presence on Socials

- <https://www.ohiosenate.gov/members/theresa-gavarone>
- <https://ohiohouse.gov/members/d-j-swearingen>
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# QUESTIONS?



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