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March 28, 2018

U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown
801 West Superior Ave., Suite 1400
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

U.S. Senator Rob Portman
37 W. Broad Street, Room 300
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Senators;

Lorain County Board of Commissioners urges the Ohio congressional delegation to oppose the proposals in the President's budget that would force harmful cuts and changes to SNAP and to oppose a Farm Bill or other legislation that would cut SNAP benefits or make other harmful changes to the program.

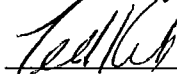
The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as food stamps helps 1 in 7 struggling Ohioans; such as the elderly, individuals with disabilities, low-income working families with children to put healthy food on their tables.

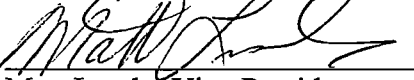
Lorain County has 37,300 residents participating and receiving a modest monthly SNAP of \$124.00.

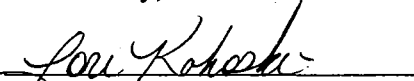
The State of Ohio ranks among the worst states for senior hunger, with nearly half a million seniors experiencing food insecurity. Cuts to these benefits are harmful to all Ohioans but will hurt residents of Lorain County and our local economy.

We appreciate your urgency in opposing this measure and keep food on our tables.

Sincerely,
Lorain County Board of Commissioners


Ted Kalo, President


Matt Lundy, Vice-President


Lori Kokoski, Member

BOC/tlu

Cc: U.S. House of Representatives Bob Gibbs, Jim Jordan and Marcy Kaptur
Ohio Senator Gayle Manning
Ohio House of Representatives Nathan Manning, Dan Ramos and Dick Stein
State of Ohio Agriculture
File

In the matter of urging the Ohio congressional)
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March 28, 2018

WHEREAS, The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as food stamps, is one of our nation's most powerful and effective anti-poverty programs, helping 1 in 7 struggling Ohioans put healthy food on their tables; and

WHEREAS, SNAP participants include the elderly, individuals with disabilities, low-income working families with children, and those struggling to find work; and

WHEREAS, SNAP reflects our nation's long-term bipartisan commitment to ensure that no American goes hungry; and

WHEREAS, SNAP has been proven to not only reduce poverty but also support state and local businesses by driving spending at grocery stores in the community, including 9,644 authorized SNAP retailers in Ohio, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities; and

WHEREAS, SNAP has also been proven to improve public health and lead to lasting benefits for children, including an increased likelihood that adults who used SNAP as children will graduate from high school and a decreased likelihood that they will suffer long-term health problems like obesity and heart disease; and

WHEREAS, In Lorain County, 37,300 residents participate and receive a modest monthly SNAP of \$124.00; and

WHEREAS, Some members of Ohio's congressional delegation serve on the House and Senate Agriculture Committees, which has jurisdiction over SNAP; and

WHEREAS, Congress will be reauthorizing the SNAP program as part of the Farm Bill in 2018; and

WHEREAS The Trump Administration's proposed budget released on February 12, 2018, would cut SNAP by nearly 30 percent and radically restructure the program; and

WHEREAS, Some of the Administration's proposals for SNAP, such as exposing more people to the stringent three-month time limit, have already been tried in Ohio with devastating results; and

WHEREAS, The Ohio Association of Foodbanks found that nearly 370,000 fewer Ohioans are enrolled in SNAP since the resumption of work requirements in October of 2013; and

WHEREAS, Other proposals in the President's Fiscal Year 2019 Budget would cut benefits for working families, seniors, and people with disabilities; and

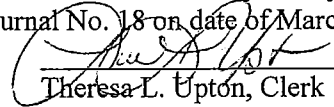
WHEREAS, Ohio ranks among the worst states for senior hunger, with nearly half a million seniors experiencing food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, Cuts to SNAP benefits and harmful changes to the program, like what the Trump Administration proposed in its budget, would hurt Lorain County residents and our local economy; now, therefore, be it

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lorain County Commission urges the Ohio congressional delegation to oppose the proposals in the President's budget that would force harmful cuts and changes to SNAP and to oppose a Farm Bill or other legislation that would cut SNAP benefits or make other harmful changes to the program.

Motion by Kalo, seconded by Lundy to adopt Resolution. Upon roll call the vote taken thereon, resulted as: Ayes: Kalo, Lundy & Kokoski / Nays: None
Motion carried. _____ (discussion was held on the above)

I, Theresa L. Upton, Clerk to the Lorain County Board of Commissioners do hereby certify that the above Resolution No. 18-221 is a true copy as it appears in Journal No. 18 on date of March 28 2018



Theresa L. Upton, Clerk

