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House Passes Flawed Farm Bill; Senate Vote Likely Next Week and Then Reconciliation

Yesterday evening, the House narrowly passed HR2, the Agriculture and Nutrition Act, of by a vote of 213-211. The Senate is expected to vote by the end of next week on their version of the Farm Bill. The [House vote](#) was largely along partisan lines, with 20 Republicans joining all Democrats in opposition to the bill.

Unlike in the House, the Senate has written a bipartisan bill that protects funding and access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Given the Senate's strong SNAP provisions, anti-hunger advocates are pushing for a positive vote on the bill. Efforts continue to increase TEFAP funding levels in the legislation. There will be a national call-in day in support of the Senate proposal and resources will be shared for advocacy efforts.

Once both bills have passed, they will go to a conference committee for reconciliation, to produce a uniform bill for vote by both chambers. Ongoing advocacy will be crucial through the final step of bill signing to ensure a Farm Bill is enacted to protect federal anti-hunger programs.

For talking points and information on the Farm Bill, visit the [Feeding America](#) and the [Food Research and Action Center \(FRAC\)](#) advocacy sites. As always, for questions or additional information, feel free to contact Tim White, Advocacy Manager, at twhite@midohiofoodbank.org or (614) 317-9480.

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