2018 Farm Bill Roundtable May 29 at Mid-Ohio Foodbank
As we continue our advocacy to strengthen anti-hunger efforts, join us for a 2018 Farm Bill Briefing and Conversation with the office of U.S Senator Sherrod Brown, led by Jonathan McCracken, Senior Policy Advisor. Hear more about what to expect in the Senate around the Farm Bill, details that could carry over from the House and insight on bringing our voice forward.

Tuesday, May 29, 2018
2:30p – 3:45p
Mid-Ohio Foodbank
3960 Brookham Dr.
Grove City, Ohio 43123

Please RSVP to: Gloria McCoy, gmccoy@midohiofoodbank.org by May 24, 2018.

Farm Bill: Now What?
Last week, the U.S. House of Representatives failed to pass the House Farm Bill (H.R. 2) by a vote of 198-213. House leadership is looking to schedule a vote again on H.R. 2, likely June 22 or 23. The failure of the bill does not mean the fight is done. We now have to ensure that our elected Congressional Representatives hear from us following the H.R. 2 vote while we encourage Senators to introduce a bipartisan bill that considers the people we serve. Following is action to take to continue our effort to protect the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs (SNAP) and The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP):

Voting against the bill, in favor of food banks and those they serve, were Representatives Beatty, Davidson, Fudge, Jordan, Kaptur and Ryan. If your Representative is on this list, thank them for supporting millions of Americans facing food insecurity by opposing H.R. 2, the Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018 and remind them that the bill, as proposed, would overwhelm hunger relief efforts. Ask them for their continuing support for a bipartisan Farm Bill that is in the best interests of all, including those facing hunger insecurity. Even if officials voted against the bill for reasons other than the nutritional sections, their support against this bill was still crucial.

Voting in favor of the bill, for untenable work requirements and funding cuts, were Representatives Chabot, Gibbs, Johnson, Joyce, Latta, Renacci, Stivers, Turner and Wenstrup. If your Representative is on this list, share your concerns about H.R. 2, the Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018 (Farm Bill) and that advancement of this legislation as currently written will worsen hunger. H.R. 2 as debated on the House floor contains proposed cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) that would have a significant negative impact on constituents who struggle with food insecurity. Urge your Representative to work on a bipartisan basis before reconsideration of the Farm Bill to pass legislation that protects people facing hunger and supports struggling farmers and rural communities.

If you need contact information for your U.S. Congressional Representative, go to https://www.house.gov/representatives. As always, if you need assistance or have information to share from your contacts, let us know at advocacy@midohiofoodbank.org.

Thank you for your ongoing advocacy efforts – we are making a difference for those we serve!