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Mid-Ohio Foodbank

National Farm Bill Call-In Day May 8: Call 1-888-398-8702

To make your voice heard on the perils of the Farm Bill proposal, dial 1-888-398-8702 and listen to the initial message, after which you will be asked to dial your ZIP code to connect to your member of Congress. Please use the following script, with your own experiences added, to oppose SNAP cuts and advocate for a strong Farm Bill:

- I am calling from [community name and town] as part of the network for Mid-Ohio Foodbank, which is in [Congressperson's name] district.
- I am concerned about the House Farm Bill. The bill's severe cuts to the SNAP program through burdensome and unnecessary work time limits and restrictions on eligibility will lengthen the lines at our pantries, soup kitchens, and other sites that serve hungry people. Let's first enforce what is in current law.
- Our food bank will not be able to meet the demand of these proposed SNAP cuts. The deep cuts to SNAP will negatively impact the people we serve and increase hunger in our community.
- These cuts and changes will negatively impact strides made in offering healthier foods to those in need, which produces positive health and social outcomes while mitigating related costs.
- I am asking you to oppose HR2 – the Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018 -- and to help craft a bipartisan bill that protects and strengthens this vital program.

Share how the call goes by emailing Policy@FeedingAmerica.Org.

On the day of the call-in, MOF will be in Washington, D.C., meeting with our elected federal officials to bolster our advocacy on the Farm Bill. We need your participation on calls to help support our visits as well as ongoing efforts by Feeding America and the Food Research & Action Center to protect resources for those who face hunger.

Farm Bill Analysis

For more extensive analysis of HR2, The Farm Bill, and its far-reaching impact, check out [this article](#) from The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities as well as [this piece](#) from the Food Research & Action Center (FRAC).

Ohio Companion to Farm Bill Introduced

A state version of the federal Farm Bill has also been introduced in the Ohio House of Representatives. House Bill 608 was introduced by Representative Scott Wiggam (R-Wooster), along with co-sponsor Representatives Peter Becker (R-Union Township); Craig Riedel (R-Defiance); Tim Schaffer (R-Lancaster); Ron Hood (Ashville); A. Nino Vitale (R-Urbana); Wes Rutherford (R-Hamilton); and, Kristina Roegner (R-Hudson).

HB 608 contains many of the same provisions, applied to state law on SNAP, that are in HR2, the onerous 2018 Farm Bill that cleared the U.S. House Agriculture Committee. Some of the same provisions reflect mandates for employment and training; elimination of categorical eligibility options; and, child support cooperation mandates. Bureaucracy and funding are logistical issues with the bill, the same as with HR2, as well as cutting off those in need from hunger assistance. And, like with the national cuts to assistance programs, efforts made to promote healthier foods and lifestyles will be undercut as more individuals will face realities of wondering where they will get their next meal. We will keep our network informed on the status of this legislation and will call-for-action as needed.

Your Advocacy Team

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