



Mid-Ohio Foodbank

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Voter Registration Deadline is October 9

This coming Tuesday, October 9, is the last day to register to vote in the November 6 general election! For registration information, including online options and to ensure you are registered or to find polling locations, go to <https://olvr.sos.state.oh.us/>.

Tax Reform 2.0

The House of Representatives last week approved legislation – [H.R. 6760](#), Protecting Family and Small Business Tax Cuts Act of 2018 – to make permanent most of the provisions of the new tax law enacted last December (without legislative action they will expire at the end of 2027). Feeding America opposes this legislation – as they did the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act last year – because of its negative impact on the individuals and families served by its network. Specifically, its revenue provisions do not prioritize support for those most at risk of being food insecure; its dramatic expansion of annual deficits threatens both short- and long-term funding for federal nutrition assistance programs; and, its changes to the deduction for contributions to charitable organizations are likely to cause a steep decline in charitable giving.

Feeding America communicated to lawmakers opposition to making these provisions permanent. The legislation is not expected to be considered in the Senate this year and Feeding America will remain engaged on the issue. For questions about the Tax Reform 2.0 House floor vote, please contact Geoff Plague at gplague@feedingamerica.org.

Congress Fails To Pass New Farm Bill

As expected, Congress allowed the 2014 Farm Bill to expire without extending it or passing a new farm bill. The immediate impact is minimal, with federal nutrition programs and many agricultural programs continuing through the end of the calendar year. Read more about what the expiration means in this [blog](#) from the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition. Congress is expected to try again to pass a new bill after the midterm elections in a “Lame Duck” legislative session in November-December. For questions, contact policy@feedingamerica.org.

Advocacy Resources

Contact the Mid-Ohio Foodbank advocacy team for federal, state and local government-related issues and questions:

- Tim White, Advocacy Manager: (614) 317-9480 or twhite@midohiofoodbank.org;
- Marilyn Tomasi, Vice President, Marketing, Communications and Public Affairs (614) 317-9446 or mtomasi@midohiofoodbank.org;
- For information on the Farm Bill and grassroots advocacy, visit the [Feeding America](#) and the [Food Research and Action Center](#) (FRAC) advocacy sites.

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