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### **Ohio Food Banks Seek Additional State Support**

An amendment is to be offered early next week to consolidate state funding into a single line item for food and poverty relief efforts and add \$10 million in funding over the biennium. This funding increase is needed to meet current and future need for the two million-plus customers Ohio's food banks serve yearly. Consolidating the line items will allow greater efficiencies in the multiple programs to address food insecurity. Please contact your State Senator and ask for support of this amendment when it is offered. To find your State Senator, go to <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/>; or, for sample language and contact information for the State Senate, go to [http://salsa3.salsalabs.com/o/2010/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action\\_KEY=22499](http://salsa3.salsalabs.com/o/2010/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=22499).

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### **SNAP Eligibility under Attack**

House Bill 200, regarding SNAP eligibility, received proponent testimony this week. The proposal would implement more stringent work requirements, eliminate categorical eligibility standards and redefine asset and child support determinations. The end result is that thousands of SNAP recipients will lose benefits. To read testimony on the bill, go to <http://www.ohiohouse.gov/committee/health> and click the May 21 committee tab. For the analysis of the bill, go to <file:///C:/Users/twhite/Downloads/H0200-I-133.pdf>; for fiscal impact analysis, go to <file:///C:/Users/twhite/Downloads/HB0200IN.pdf>. Perhaps most interesting on the fiscal analysis is the acknowledgement of increased cost and time to administer the new requirements. Watch for further information on this and similar bills.

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