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Ohio Foodbanks Gain Support of State Senate

Great news on House Bill 166, the state budget bill: the Senate Finance Committee this week unveiled their substitute version of the bill and it included the Foodbank request to add \$5 million per year (\$10 million total over the biennium). We greatly appreciate the inclusion of this additional funding to help meet current and future needs for the two million-plus customers Ohio's food banks serve yearly. A special thank you to Senators Dave Burke (R-Marysville), Jay Hottinger (R-Newark) and Stephanie Kunze (R-Hilliard), three members of our state legislative delegation who serve on the Finance Committee. We are grateful for their support of this amendment! Please be sure to thank these three for supporting the HB166 substitute version that includes the increased anti-hunger language; to find Senate contact information, go to <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/>.

House Bill 200 Dispatch Editorial

Earlier this week, The Columbus Dispatch ran a wonderful editorial in opposition to House Bill 200 (Wiggam-R) which would implement more stringent work requirements, eliminate categorical eligibility standards and redefine asset and child support determinations. In short, the bill would push thousands off of SNAP and into deeper food insecurity even though the program continues to be shown as one of the most effective assistance efforts in existence. Access the editorial here: <https://www.dispatch.com/opinion/20190609/editorial-lawmakers-dont-make-it-harder-to-feed-hungry-families>.

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