

OHIO ASSOCIATION OF FOODBANKS

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Spending Deal Announced Yesterday Contains Several Provisions that Help Working Families Thrive

Media Statement from Lisa Hamler-Fugitt, executive director for the Ohio Association of Foodbanks:

“The bipartisan agreement reached late yesterday is a promising and hopeful demonstration of the power of policies that respond to the needs of everyday Americans. We are deeply thankful to our congressional delegation for leading the charge on protecting and strengthening critical funding for programs that help the most vulnerable among us.

“We want to especially thank Senator Sherrod Brown and Senator Rob Portman and members of Ohio’s congressional delegation for their support of making expansions of the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit permanent and extending several tax provisions that will support charitable giving and foodbank donations. By making improvements to these credits permanent, Congress has committed to strengthening low-income working families and combatting poverty. This legislation will help keep more hard-earned money in the pockets of Ohio families.

“Additionally, the spending package includes an increase in funding for national service programs administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service. As the home of one of Ohio’s largest national service programs, we are thrilled that Congress recognized the incredible return on their investment in these programs, which put ‘boots on the ground’ to fight poverty and strengthen local communities.

“We look forward to carrying this bipartisan momentum into the new year and thank Ohio’s congressional delegation for coming together to support families this holiday season.”

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About the Ohio Association of Foodbanks

The Ohio Association of Foodbanks is Ohio’s largest charitable response to hunger, representing Ohio’s 12 Feeding America foodbanks and 3,300 member charities including food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters. In SFY 2015, the association and its member foodbanks were able to acquire and distribute over 197 million pounds of food and grocery items. The association also serves as the home of The Ohio Benefit Bank and operates the state’s largest navigator program for the Affordable Care Act. Follow the association on [Twitter](#), stay connected on [Facebook](#) and visit them on the web at www.ohiofoodbanks.org.

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