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***President Trump's Budget Would Increase Hunger, Poverty, Income Inequality***

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

“The budget released Monday by the Trump Administration closely mirrors the theme of its first budget, released last May: strip away funding for core programs that lift people out of poverty. Among many other draconian and short-sighted proposals, the budget would slash more than \$213 billion, or nearly 30 percent, of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly food stamps) funding over the next ten years, leaving more children, seniors, people with disabilities and low-income workers hungry.

“It would eliminate federal protections for people with pre-existing conditions and cut Medicaid for seniors, people with disabilities, families with children and low-income adults, leaving more Americans to live in fear of the next illness, injury or diagnosis.

“Once again, the Trump budget proposes the complete elimination of AmeriCorps and the Corporation for National and Community Service, despite the fact that Congress has made clear it supports and values national service programs and believes in expanding opportunities for national service in our country, not eliminating them.

“These proposals reflect a lack of seriousness and a refusal by the Administration to invest in what’s working for American families. These continued attacks on proven programs that help tens of millions of low-income Americans achieve better health, higher productivity and increased financial stability are shameful. We call on Ohio’s congressional delegation to speak loudly and stand firmly against these attempts to punish average American families and widen income inequality in our country.”

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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 2017, the association and its member foodbanks were able to acquire and distribute over 216 million pounds of food and grocery items. The association has also served as the home of The Ohio Benefit Bank since 2006. Follow the association on [Twitter](#), stay connected on [Facebook](#) and visit them on the web at [www.ohiofoodbanks.org](http://www.ohiofoodbanks.org).*

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