

2026 Legislative Agenda

The Maryland Food Bank's mission is to feed people, strengthen communities, and end hunger for more Marylanders. We advocate for policies that increase food security, address the root causes of hunger, and advance economic mobility.

The Maryland Food Bank Will Advocate to:

- ▶ Protect and preserve the **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)** through the implementation of HR 1's eligibility changes and additional cost-sharing measures.
- ▶ End **child hunger** by providing breakfast and lunch to all students at no-cost to their families.
- ▶ Bolster **Maryland agriculture** through sustained funding for local sourcing and the MFARM program and donation efforts to food assistance organizations.
- ▶ Promote **sustainable food** donation and wasted food efforts.

We ask the Maryland General Assembly to Continue Supporting Food Banks.

- ▶ Sustain **ongoing annual state funding** for Maryland's two Feeding America-affiliated food banks, the Maryland Food Bank and the Capital Area Food Bank.
- ▶ Continued support from the State for **The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)**, an important source of federally-funded food for food banks nationwide.