

## **Media Advisory**

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## WITH CONGRESS POISED TO MOVE ON 2018 FARM BILL, FUDGE TO SPEAK ON LOCAL IMPACT OF FARM BILL NUTRITION PROGRAMS

**WHAT:** With the 2018 Farm Bill set to move in Congress this spring, **Congresswoman** 

Marcia Fudge (D-OH) will participate in a Farm Bill Listening Session at the Greater Cleveland Food Bank on Tuesday, April 3 at 10 a.m. on the local impact of the nutrition title, including critical food distribution programs and food stamps. Congresswoman Fudge serves on the House Committee on Agriculture and the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

SNAP (also known as food stamps) is the first line of defense against hunger. Proposals to dramatically cut SNAP by 30% if enacted would result in a significant number of the 278,065 people on SNAP in the six counties served by the Greater Cleveland Food Bank losing these benefits. The program provides 12 meals for every meal that food banks provide. To make up for proposed cuts to SNAP every food bank across the country would have to triple its distribution overnight, which is just not possible. The Greater Cleveland Food Bank is especially concerned about proposed work requirements that would include parents of children and adults up to age 65, and likely result in the loss of benefits for most of them.

There are several other speakers that will discuss the impact of the proposed cuts to the SNAP (formerly food stamps). These include Kristin Warzocha, President and CEO, Greater Cleveland Food Bank, Dan Saltzman from Dave's Supermarkets, Lisa Hamler-Fugitt, Ohio Association of Food Banks and several SNAP recipients from our partner programs.

WHEN: Tuesday, April 3, 10-11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Greater Cleveland Food Bank Community Room

15500 South Waterloo Road

Cleveland, Ohio 44110