

**Greater Chicago Food Depository**  
**Statement on the failed passage of H.R. 2, the House of Representatives Farm Bill**  
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On May 18, 2018, the U.S. House of Representatives Farm Bill (H.R. 2) failed to pass by a vote of 193-218. The defeat of this legislation protects our nation's most effective anti-hunger program, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), from the damaging cuts that this bill included. **This is a major win for the 42 million Americans and 1.5 million Illinoisans who struggle to access food each day, as well as our nation's charitable response to hunger.**

The Food Depository is thankful for anti-hunger advocates who raised their voices in opposition of this bill, including those from our local network of partner agencies and programs.

The Food Depository and anti-hunger advocates everywhere are pleased with today's vote, but our work is far from done. Our struggling neighbors, and the more than 700 partner agencies and programs in our local network, deserve a better Farm Bill. We will continue working to protect and strengthen hunger-relief programs and look for opportunities to improve the nutrition title as the Farm Bill process moves forward.

If you believe that we should end hunger in Chicago, Cook County and the United States, we encourage you to write and call your members of Congress. Tell them to reject any proposal that weakens SNAP for even one of our neighbors. For action alerts and more information, please visit <https://chicagosfoodbank.org/advocacy>.