



**Supporting the Feeding America food banks and their affiliates serving Iowa in their work to ensure that sufficient food is accessible to all.**

## **Iowa Food Bank Association**

### **2025 Federal Legislative Agenda**

The Iowa Food Bank Association (IFBA) is comprised of six trusted Feeding America food banks that work together to:

- Ensure that Iowans have enough to eat to stay healthy and productive
- Educate and advocate for policies that eliminate food insecurity
- Efficiently and effectively serve Iowans facing hunger

### **TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program)**

**Increase TEFAP funding in the Farm Bill to help individuals facing hunger and support the U.S. agricultural economy by:**

- Reauthorizing and increasing mandatory funding for TEFAP food purchases
- Increasing annual discretionary funding for TEFAP storage and distribution by \$200 million
- Reauthorizing \$15 million in annual discretionary funding for TEFAP infrastructure grants
- Requesting Congress increase the TEFAP Farm to Food bank Program by removing the state match and allow states to prioritize programs

### **Protect SNAP**

**Congress should ensure SNAP purchasing power in the Farm Bill remains strong, so benefits align with increasing grocery prices and provide support for individuals by:**

- Helping more military families access SNAP benefits by excluding the Basic Allowance for Housing from the gross income calculation for eligibility
- Protecting SNAP choice and focus on affordable access to nutritious foods



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