



# FAN Updates

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the Foodbank Advocacy Network

## Advocacy Resources:

Access [advocacy resources](#) and [FAN updates](#) here; or, for federal advocacy information, visit the [Feeding America](#) and the [Food Research and Action Center](#) (FRAC) advocacy sites.

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## Volunteer Opportunities

Ongoing opportunities are available at all locations such as the new **Mid-Ohio Market at Gantz Road!** Our agency partners need the support of community members to meet the growing needs of our neighbors and that is especially true in the coming months. To learn more about volunteer opportunities for individuals and groups, visit <http://vhub.at/MOF>.



## Reminder: Election Day is November 7th!

Early voting is going on now! Between now and election day, you can head over to your **county board of elections** to cast your ballot early! Early voting times are as follows:

- November 1-3: 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- November 4: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- November 5: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Think your polling place may have changed? You can find out [here](#) where you'll be voting on November 7th!

You can check out our voting linktree to get more information on all things elections/voting:  
<https://linktr.ee/mofcvotes>

## Government Shutdown Updates

Work on appropriations bills will resume now that the House of Representatives narrowly elected Rep. Mike Johnson, R-La., to be the new speaker.

The FY24 agriculture appropriations bill is to be considered the week of Nov. 13, the same week government funding runs out under the current continuing resolution.

If the House cannot pass all 12 of the FY24 appropriations bills before the Nov. 17 government funding deadline, Speaker Johnson will push for a short-term continuing resolution to fund the government through Jan. 15 or April 15.

As a reminder, if Congress does not pass legislation to fund the federal government—either full-year appropriations legislation or another continuing resolution—by Nov. 17, the government will shut down on **Nov. 18**.

Additionally, the House is working toward passing a 2023 Farm Bill as soon as December.

We will continue to monitor our advocacy resources and provide updates on progress towards passing a federal budget and Farm bill. Stay tuned!

Find out how you can become an advocate for MOFC and those we serve at <https://mofc.org/advocacy/>.

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