Good Morning Chairman Dolan,

Thank you for allowing me to provide written testimony to your Senate Finance Committee regarding the amendment to HB166 that supports funding to the Ohio Association of Foodbanks.  Freestore Foodbank is one of 12 food banks serving the Buckeye State and we are a member food bank of the Ohio Association of Foodbanks.  We serve the Tri-State area and included in our service area are the following Ohio counties:  Hamilton, Clermont, Clinton, Brown, Adams, Highland, Pike and Scioto.

In our service area Hamilton, Adams and Scioto Counties were recently identified as being in the “top 10” Ohio counties with the most food insecure population for adults in the 50-59 age range.  Ohio ranks #9 out all 50 states with the most food insecurity population in the same study that was released by Feeding America which focused on the “State of Senior Food Insecurity in America”.  Here is the link to the Feeding America study:  [https://www.feedingamerica.org/research/senior-hunger-research/senior](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.feedingamerica.org_research_senior-2Dhunger-2Dresearch_senior&d=DwMFAg&c=kRQx1TXm_68pneFHvOZEGQ&r=Bgrr4eR9C3KcvkCW7Jdea6wIX5PD5CbweAnEysL7GxI&m=kMAHiX_SR0hYb7k6msU9FJnZZuMNacKMSuxyaXMncPo&s=-5BwFFMQTYzPK6wN14jn_loR4C7bM48Q35yDIy25j8Q&e=).

We are unable to provide our testimony in person which is why it is being submitted in written format.  Thank you again for this opportunity to share this important information with you and the rest of the members of your committee.  Should you have any questions regarding this testimony, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly.

All the best, Kurt

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