



April 15, 2020

The Honorable Larry Hogan
Governor of Maryland
100 State Circle
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Governor Hogan:

We are writing to seek your support for the Maryland Food Bank's \$12M request for its COVID-19 Food Access Response Plan. This funding is necessary to ensure that impacted Marylanders will not have to worry about where their next meal will come from during this this difficult time.

More than 1.5M Maryland residents experienced food insecurity prior to this crisis. Maryland Food Bank anticipates a surge in demand, reduced inventory from retailers, and a drastic decrease in the number of volunteers. The requested support would serve an estimated 1.2M affected Marylanders and provide over 11M pounds of food through the end of June. The funding would also enable modifications to be made to food distribution programs to adhere to CDC guidelines that will keep responders and the public safe.

Support of their request will help people weather the current health crisis and provide assistance as normal activities begin to resume. State dollars would be further leveraged by the Food Bank's fundraising efforts and the work of their Network Partners that distribute food across the state.

We appreciate your consideration and thank you for your strong leadership in the face of these challenges.

Respectfully,

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