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Expanding Our Policy Priorities

Our Mission

“Working together to build and sustain hunger-free communities throughout the Southern Tier.”



Overall Goal Remains the Same



Supporting policies that allow FBST and partners to keep meeting the need as best we can currently and acknowledge that we are not able to meet it in the long term and people need support with food and other basic needs outside of what our network can provide.



Framework

Short-term + Long-term
Charity + Justice
Active + Passive Support



Policies to Consider

The Farmers Feeding Families – Coronavirus Response Act (H.R. 6721) - Senate companion bill (S. 3655)

"The Farmers Feeding Families – Coronavirus Response Act (Farmers Feeding Families Act) would provide \$200 million in direct funding to states to help them to purchase food from their farmers and provide it directly to their local and regional food banks and other Emergency Feeding Organizations (EFOs). It greatly expands on the successful farm to food bank model to help farmers meet the current, unprecedented need. The Farmers Feeding Families Act is a bill crafted to inform the current debate in Congress and help shape the next round of Congressional response to the ongoing pandemic."

Policies to Consider

The Relief for America's Small Farmers Act – announced by Sen. Gillibrand Apr. 13

“The *Relief for America's Small Farmers Act* would directly address this crisis by providing a one-time debt forgiveness of up to \$250,000, across three types of USDA FSA loans: Direct Farm Operating, Direct Farm Ownership, and Emergency Loans. All small farms with an average adjusted gross income of up to \$300,000 for the previous five years will be eligible, regardless of their commodities. Additionally, while many debt relief programs exclude farmers from future benefits, the legislation would ensure that farmers who receive debt forgiveness or write-downs maintain their eligibility for further USDA Direct and Guaranteed loans. It would also ensure that farmers receive the full relief by making the forgiveness nontaxable. *The Relief for America's Small Farmers Act* will help nearly 40,000 farmers get back on their feet by providing a one year window to apply for debt relief and will keep them farming for at least two years after receiving the loan forgiveness.”

Policies to Consider

NY Health Act

Establishes the New York Health program, a comprehensive system of access to health insurance for New York state residents; provides for administrative structure of the plan; provides for powers and duties of the board of trustees, the scope of benefits, payment methodologies and care coordination; establishes the New York Health Trust Fund which would hold monies from a variety of sources to be used solely to finance the plan...



Policies to Consider

Universal Paid Sick Days/Leave

Worker Relief & Security Act: Tie end of extended unemployment benefits to economic performance rather than arbitrary date to ensure employment opportunities are available when extended unemployment benefits end

Urge Congress to include **federal support for State and Local Services** (schools, fire, police, healthcare/hospitals, Coronavirus testing & tracing, USPS) in the next COVID relief bill.



Questions?

