



## Statement from Food Bank CENC President/CEO Peter Werbicki

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*RALEIGH, NC* – From Due to incredible community support, we are able to provide more than 59 million meals each year in our 34-county service area but that pales in comparison to the nutritious food provided through SNAP, which serves 12 meals for every one meal provided through the Feeding America network of food banks. SNAP is a cornerstone nutrition program and we would not be able to make up for the lost meals that would result from these program changes. These potential cuts to federal nutrition programs would have a devastating effect on food insecure individuals and families in our community.

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### **About the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina**

The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina is a nonprofit organization that has provided food for people at risk of hunger in 34 counties in central and eastern North Carolina for more than 35 years. The Food Bank serves a network of more than 800 partner agencies such as soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters, and programs for children and adults through warehouses in Durham, Greenville, New Bern, Raleigh, the Sandhills (Southern Pines), and Wilmington. In fiscal year 2016-2017, the Food Bank distributed 70 million pounds of food (over half of which was perishable) and non-food essentials through these agencies. Sadly, hunger remains a serious problem in central and eastern North Carolina. In these counties, more than 600,000 people struggle to access nutritious and adequate amounts of food necessary for an active and healthy life. [foodbankcenc.org](http://foodbankcenc.org). Stay connected with what we're doing in your

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