



Progress Report: Hunger, Nutrition, and Health in Western Massachusetts *with Special Guest, Congressman Jim McGovern*

**Friday, March 17
1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

Register: bit.ly/EndingHungerProgressReport

Hatfield MA. [March 15, 2023] – A coalition of legislators and advocates are gathering for a debrief and a Massachusetts-focused strategy session on the heels of the White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health.

“Our shared goal is to end hunger in Massachusetts and across the United States by 2030, to tackle diet-related disease, and to strengthen local farms and the food system,” said Congressman Jim McGovern. “This meeting builds on the White House Conference and the urgent national conversation about hunger and health, by focusing on the needs and opportunities in western Massachusetts.”

Attendees will include leaders from across the five-county western Massachusetts region, including anti-hunger agencies, food justice organizations, farm advocates, public health officials, and healthcare providers. Congressman McGovern will share a progress report on what's happening at the state and federal levels to support this work at home.

This event is co-hosted and organized by The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, Growing Places, Stone Soup Cafe, CISA, Springfield Food Policy Council, MA Food System Collaborative, Project Bread, and the western Massachusetts state delegation, including Senator Jo Comerford and Representative Mindy Domb.

Registration is required. All are welcome. Visit: bit.ly/EndingHungerProgressReport.

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About The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts:

The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts believes that everyone has a right to healthy food regardless of their circumstances. Serving Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire counties, The Food Bank leads the region's emergency food network of 160+ independent, local food pantries and meal sites, distributing nutritious food to households with lower incomes. Since 1982, The Food Bank has been providing individuals facing hunger with the food they need to survive and leading communities towards lasting solutions to food insecurity by addressing its underlying causes. The Food Bank is committed to creating a western Massachusetts where no one goes hungry, and everyone has access to nutritious food. For more information, visit foodbankwma.org.



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