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**RE: Media Alert: Senators Akshar and O'Mara to Volunteer at the Food Bank in Support of Farm to Food Bank Bill**

**MEDIA INVITED TO ATTEND**

**WHAT:** Volunteer and Tour the Food Bank with Senators Akshar and O'Mara  
**WHEN:** Thursday, Nov. 3, 11 a.m.  
**WHERE:** Food Bank of the Southern Tier  
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**ELMIRA, N.Y.** – Senators Fred Akshar (R-52) and Tom O'Mara (R-58) will visit the [Food Bank of the Southern Tier](#) on Nov. 3 to repack New York State produce, tour the Food Bank warehouse and discuss the Farm to Food Bank bill.

Media is invited to arrive at 11 a.m. for the repack activity. The morning's schedule is:

10:30 – Senators arrive; tour with Food Bank staff and representatives from food pantries throughout the Southern Tier (*closed to media*)  
11:00 – Volunteer repack activity  
11:15 – Media interviews

Both Senators are co-sponsors of the Farm to Food Bank bill, which would give farmers a tax credit for donating produce to food banks and other emergency food providers. The bill passed unanimously in the Assembly and Senate and is now awaiting Gov. Cuomo's signature.

This event is a follow-up to the Sept. 27 press conference held by Assemblymen Phil Palmesano (R-132), Marcos Crespo (D-85) and Francisco Moya (D-39).

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**ABOUT THE FOOD BANK OF THE SOUTHERN TIER**

Established in 1981 and headquartered in Elmira, NY, the Food Bank of the Southern Tier distributes food and other grocery products to people in need through a network of more than 160 member agencies including food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and other hunger relief organizations in Broome, Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga, and Tompkins counties. The Food Bank also administers several direct service food distribution programs including the [BackPack Program](#) and [Mobile Food Pantry](#). The Food Bank is a member of [Feeding America](#) and





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a regional agency of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester. The Food Bank's mission is to work together to build and sustain hunger free communities throughout the Southern Tier.

