



# Navigating New Federal Realities: **Advocacy**

JULY 9 | 2PM ET



# A few reminders:

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# Where we are July 2025

1. EPA Grants like SARE and Green and Health Homes Initiatives have been pulled
2. Cuts to charitable food programs like SNAP, WIC, and LFPA
3. Cuts to Federal workforce impact EPA, FDA and USDA
4. Ripple effects throughout the both the charitable food system and the environmental justice movement



# Some good news



# The 2025 **ReFED** Food Waste Solutions Summit

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June 23-25, 2025 • Seattle, WA

**750 attendees =  
Largest ReFED Summit to  
date**







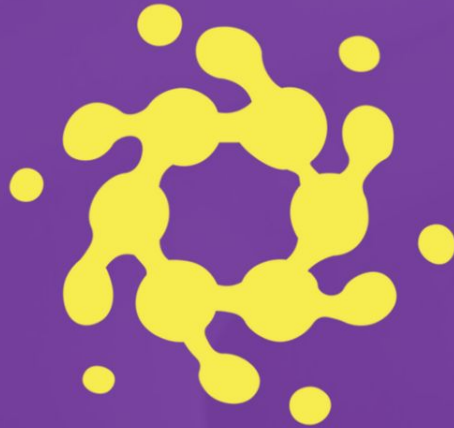
**According to the Food Waste Legislative Tracker, so far in 2025:**

- 27 state food waste ban bills introduced
- 32 state edible food recovery bills

Doesn't include things like PA HB620 which would increase Act 101 Recycling Fees portion of state tipping fees to fund Food Recovery Infrastructure Grants



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# Food Waste Policy in Trump I

1. Established the Interagency Collaboration to Reduce FLW between USDA, EPA, and FDA
2. Launched *Winning on Reducing Food Waste Federal Interagency Strategy* in 2019
3. Passed first Farm Bill to include FLW measures including the Food Loss and Waste Reduction Liaison at USDA and funding for infrastructure



# Food Waste Policy in Trump II

1. **America First Policy Institute support of food waste priorities**
2. **Make America Healthy Again (MAHA) ties to food waste policy, particularly date labels**
3. **Potential “skinny farm bill” could include food loss and waste programming**
4. **Appropriations for Liaison and Infrastructure Grants**



# Food Loss and Waste Pending Legislation

## Appropriations

- House version passed with funding for USDA Liaison and the Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production
- Senate process starts this week

## Food Date Labeling Act

- Close to bi-partisan, bi-cameral reintroduction
- Looking towards FDA legislative package

## NO TIME TO Waste Act (H.2883, S.1395)

- Bi-partisan, bi-cameral introduction
- Looking towards skinny Farm Bill

## Reduce Food Loss and Waste Act (S.835)

- Bi-partisan introduction in Senate
- Looking towards skinny Farm Bill





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# Questions?



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