



November 22, 2010

The Honorable (*First Name*) (*Last Name*)
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative (*Last Name*):

We are hearing from House leaders that the child nutrition bill will come to the floor the week of November 29th. Please help support the health of American children and farmers by voting **YES** on the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act next week.

President Truman's quote from June 4, 1946 still rings true today: "No nation is any healthier than its children or more prosperous than its farmers."

From their inception, the child nutrition programs have served the dual purpose of providing nutritious food to children and supporting U.S. agriculture. For example, the USDA Commodity Program now provides over two billion pounds of food through the nutrition assistance programs, including \$593 million worth of fruits and vegetables.

The establishment of the agricultural commodity program in the mid-1930's stemmed from the farm surpluses of the Great Depression. It marked the official beginning of this mutually-beneficial relationship between child nutrition programs and farmers, which remains strong to the present day.

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act will not only continue the important tradition of linking school food and agriculture, but will add to the legacy by expanding farm-to-school programs, which support local agriculture and create greater connections between farms and schools.

Please help support the health of American children and farmers by voting **YES** on the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act when the bill comes to the floor next week. The bill is bipartisan, deficit neutral, supports U.S. Agriculture, promotes children's health, and is deserving of your support when it comes to the floor.

- [1,200 National and State organizations support passing Child Nutrition](#)

Thank you for your consideration, and if you would like more information on the bill please contact Lorelei DiSogra at ldisogra@unitedfresh.org.

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