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Association of State Nutrition Network Administrators 

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The Honorable George Miller
Chair, House Committee on Education and Labor
2205 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Miller:

The Association of State Nutrition Network Administrators (ASNNA) is pleased to provide our support for H.R. 5504 and specifically the call to reduce childhood hunger and support school and community efforts to reduce childhood obesity. ASNNA is committed to working with the USDA and legislative staff as Child Nutrition Reauthorization moves forward. We recognize many positive elements in H.R. 5504 and applaud efforts to promote comprehensive, multi-level approaches to nutrition education.

ASNNA is a national group of nutrition educators who work on SNAP-Ed (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – Education), and represent state implementing agencies from states across every USDA region. ASNNA works together to improve communication between federal and state agencies; promote the use of social marketing approaches; and advance successful, evidence-based health promotion practices that lead to healthier food choices and physically active lifestyles. By sharing our experience and expertise, ASNNA looks forward to providing insights to effectively provide nutrition education and promote obesity prevention for low-income families.

SNAP-Ed programs are doing tremendous work to promote healthy behaviors and help low-income families understand the importance of healthy food choices. SNAP-Ed, as an existing part of USDA's comprehensive approach to obesity prevention, can play an even greater role in improving dietary and physical activity practices, while helping to increase community food security, prevent obesity and reduce the risk of chronic disease for low-income Americans.

ASNNA welcomes the opportunity for SNAP-Ed to implement additional interventions and strategies that complement and support direct education, consult with the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and address food security in school and community venues.

If ASNNA can be of assistance during Child Nutrition Reauthorization, or as we move forward with our continued efforts to address childhood obesity and improve eating behaviors, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you again for all of your efforts.

Sincerely,



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