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The Honorable George Miller  
Chairman  
House Education and Labor Committee

The Honorable John Kline  
Ranking Member  
House Education and Labor Committee

Dear Chairman and Ranking Member:

Thank you very much for all of the hard work that you and your staff have put into crafting the *Improving Nutrition for America's Children Act (H.R. 5504)*. We congratulate you and the Committee on this excellent bill, and particularly thank you for including \$50 million in mandatory funding for Farm to School initiatives.

The Community Food Security Coalition (CFSC) strongly supports Farm to School programs as a responsible, cost effective means to improving child nutrition while simultaneously stimulating rural farm economies. In these challenging economic times, we appreciate that every dollar must be examined for its effectiveness. By investing in farm to school programs, you have provided an opportunity to feed school children more healthfully by enhancing existing nutrition programs, while at the same time cultivating new markets for farmers and stimulating rural economies.

Likewise, the wider nutrition and program access improvements included in H.R. 5504 are a necessary investment in ensuring a healthy future for our children and a vibrant future economy. We believe H.R. 5504 takes significant steps towards reaching the national goals of ending child hunger by 2015 and solving child obesity within a generation.

We are pleased that the Committee will mark up the *Improving Nutrition for America's Children Act* tomorrow, and encourage you to move the bill as expeditiously as possible to a full House vote. Be assured that you will have our support in the effort.

Best regards,

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