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The Hon. George Miller, Chair Committee on Education & Labor 2175 Rayburn House Office Building U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Miller:

The National WIC Association (NWA) is pleased to congratulate you for your leadership efforts to reauthorize the WIC and the Child Nutrition Programs. Your Improving Nutrition for America's Children Act of 2010 takes a significant step towards meeting the President's goal to end hunger by 2015 and addressing the nation's epidemic of childhood overweight and obesity.

We especially commend your efforts to improve access to the child nutrition programs, the quality of school meals and child care meals, promote community partnerships, improve food safety, streamline program administration, and support program integrity.

NWA particularly applauds your proposals for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) improving access to WIC for young children through one-year certification, emphasizing the critical importance of breastfeeding promotion and support as an integral part of WIC nutrition education, providing adequate resources to support breastfeeding peer counseling and related activities, requiring regular review of the WIC food packages to assure they meet current dietary science, emphasizing the importance of rigorous health outcomes evaluation, moving WIC towards EBT service delivery for WIC mothers and young children while protecting WIC's limited resources and excluding federal funds from state budget restrictions or limitations.

NWA appreciates the opportunity to work with you, members of the Committee, and your exceptional staff, in the development of this legislation as together we strive to achieve the President's goal of ending childhood hunger by 2015.

Sincerely,

National WIC Association

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