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Kathleen Sgambati NH State Senate 14 July 2010

TO: Members of the House Education and Labor Committee

RE: HR 5504

I am writing in support of HR 5504, the Improving Nutrition for America's Children's Act of 2010.

The Children's Alliance urges that H.R. 5504 be broadened to include an expanded afterschool meal program so that low-income children in New Hampshire and other states can access nutritious food in out-of-school-time settings. We also encourage members of Congress to invest an additional \$1 billion/year for ten years in Child Nutrition funding as President Obama has requested, especially by adding funding for program access priorities. I am particularly concerned about proposed cuts to SNAP Nutrition Education funds at a time when more people, especially children under 5 years of age, are accessing food stamps.

Sincerely,

Ellen Fineberg President Children's Alliance of New Hampshire