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Congressman George Miller
Chair, House Education & Labor Committee
2205 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Congressman Miller:

As a longtime leader in the fight against hunger, the San Francisco Food Bank would like to thank you for your ongoing support of the federal child nutrition programs. We are working diligently to meet the 20% increase in demand for food assistance over this time last year – but we cannot meet this need alone.

The “*Improving Nutrition for America’s Children Act of 2010*” goes a long way towards improving the quality of and access to school meal programs. As you know, much work remains to enable these programs to operate optimally and reach all the children who depend on this critical nutrition each and every day. We applaud the inclusion of efforts to expand school breakfast. We are especially grateful that the bill includes significant language around streamlining certification procedures for children already enrolled in other low-income programs.

We recognize that in order to meet President Obama’s ambitious goal of ending childhood hunger by 2015, Congress will have to make a significant investment in these programs. We encourage your continued efforts to secure at least \$10 billion in funding in order to meet the needs of our nation’s low-income children who rely on these programs to provide critical meals they need to thrive and learn.

Once again, we appreciate your leadership on these issues and look forward to seeing swift action on the Hill towards a final Reauthorization.

Sincerely,

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