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Dear Chairman Miller:

As your constituents, we want to thank you for your strong leadership on the child nutrition programs. We ask you to again champion these vital programs by working with others in Congress to increase significantly the amount of funding available for the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization.

The child nutrition programs are miracles of good public policy, but they serve too few of the low-income children in your district and the nutrition quality of the food can be improved. Additional funding is needed: to ensure that more low-income children in your district and nationwide receive nutritious meals and snacks while they are at school, at afterschool and summer programs, and at child care centers and homes; to enhance the nutrition quality of the food and improve the adequacy of the reimbursements; and to modernize technology and simplify program administration and operation.

The Budget Resolution provides the opportunity to more adequately fund the child nutrition programs, even moving above President Obama's proposed \$1 billion per year increase to the programs. A large investment in these programs is required so that all low-income children, including those in your district, can access adequate, healthy food at every age and in every setting and puts us on a path toward the President's goal of ending childhood hunger by 2015.

We urge you to work with the House Leadership, the House Ways and Means Committee, and other key legislators to identify and secure additional funding for the reauthorization. And we will work with other local, state, and national organizations on securing additional funding for these important programs.

We appreciate your long commitment and leadership on the child nutrition programs, and we look forward to working with you and the Education and Labor Committee staff on a successful reauthorization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan A. Bonilla".

Susan Bonilla
Chair, Board of Supervisors