



Take Action: Urge Congress to Pass Child Nutrition Reauthorization this Year!

Now that both the House and Senate committees have passed their versions of Child Nutrition Reauthorization, anti-hunger advocates are urging Congress to put the bills to a vote so we can have a strong child nutrition bill **this year**. Child Nutrition Reauthorization reauthorizes and improves programs such as WIC, School Lunch and School Breakfast, Summer Feeding programs, and the Child and Adult Care Feeding Program (CACFP). Both proposed bills contain provisions that will improve children's access to nutritious meals, enhance the quality of meals both in and out of schools and in child care settings, establish nutrition standards for all foods and beverages sold in schools, and strengthen nutrition education, promotion, and technical assistance.

Congress needs to know that their constituents want new investments and improved programs that enable low-income children to access the healthy nutritious food they need. Please call your legislators and deliver the powerful but simple message: America's children can't wait-pass Child Nutrition Reauthorization Now!

For your Congressman:

- Ask them to speak to their House leadership to identify offsets to help pay for Child Nutrition Reauthorization. Under Congress' PAYGO rules-without finding sources to pay for the bill, it will be unable to come to a vote.
- Ask them to please push for a vote for Child Nutrition Reauthorization and to vote YES for H.R. 5504 to help hungry children.

For your Senators:

- Ask them to match the additional investments that the House bill has made compared to the Senate version.
- Ask them to please push for a vote for Child Nutrition Reauthorization and to vote YES for S.3307 to help hungry children.

To Contact your Legislators:

Call toll-free, **1-866-277-7617**, to connect to your Representative and Senators. You can also use this number to call the White House. (Thanks to Voices for America's Children for use of their toll-free number).

| Member of Congress | Counties Covered |
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| Congressman Michael Arcuri | Broome, Cayuga, Chenango, Cortland, Herkimer, Oneida, Ontario, Otsego, Seneca, Tioga, Tompkins |
| Congressman Dan Maffei | Cayuga, Monroe, Onondaga, Wayne |
| Congressman Bill Owens | Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Oswego,, St. Lawrence |
| Senator Charles Schumer | All of New York State |
| Senator Kirsten Gillibrand | All of New York State |

Urge your Members of Congress and President Obama to pass a robust CNR bill before the end of the 111th Congress. Members of Congress need to press House and Senate leadership to make CNR a "must pass" priority for this year. By making these calls you are taking part in a national effort to "Push for Passage" for Child Nutrition Reauthorization. Together we can work to ensure that hungry children can get the additional help they need as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or would like to submit a story for next month, please email bslater@foodbankcny.org

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