

Child Care Alert & Action!

Take Action Now for the Reauthorization of CACFP

The child and Adult Care Food Program is profoundly important to children and the providers who take care of them.

Every 5 years or so Congress reauthorizes the Child Nutrition programs. When they do, they usually take the opportunity to make the needed changes to the CACFP. 2009 is the reauthorization year. Now is the time to get involved and let Congress know that we need changes! Changes including; eliminating tiering, increasing meal and snack reimbursement to cover the increased costs of serving nutritious meals, cutting the paper work and red-tape.

SEIU-Kids First suggest writing your Congressperson a letter. Please refer to the model letter provided below.

Representative Tim Walz

1529 Longworth House Office Building

Washington DC 20515

Senator Amy Klobuchar

302 Hart Senate Office Building

Washington DC 20510

Dear _____:

I'm an in home family Child Care Provider here in Minnesota, and I'm writing you to ask for support on the CACFP Reauthorization. The Child and Adult food Care Program is profoundly important to Minnesota's children. The program helps me to provide healthy meals and snacks to the children I care for. I hope you can improve the program by:

- Increasing meal and snack reimbursements to cover the costs of healthy meals and snacks.
- Eliminating tiering.
- Cutting the red-tape-there is way too much paper work.

Sincerely Yours,

Name, address and if you wish your email address

