

November 25, 2015

Governor Brian Sandoval  
State Capitol Building  
101 N. Carson Street  
Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Governor Sandoval:

Your Council on Food Security has reviewed several bills citing proposed improvements to federal childhood nutrition programs; such bills could be wrapped into the larger Childhood Nutrition Reauthorization (CNR) package tasked to the Senate and House Agricultural Committees. Of these bills, four are recommended by the Council: the **Early Childhood Nutrition Improvement Act** (H.R. 3886), the **Summer Meals Act** (S. 613/H.R. 1728), the **Stop Child Summer Hunger Act** (S. 1539; H.R. 2715), and the **Hunger Free Summer for Kids Act** (S.1966), all of which are summarized in the attached document. We respectfully request that as Governor, you will engage with each member of Nevada's federal delegation to ask for their support of these measures.

As you are already aware, almost half a million children in Nevada live in food insecure homes. As well, one in four children in our state, live in poverty. By streamlining meal programs year-round, increasing access to nutritious, free meals, and reducing paperwork and bureaucracy, fewer children in Nevada will go hungry during out-of-school periods including holidays, long weekends and summer breaks.

Congress could act on this legislation before year end or early in the new year, according to various sources of information. Therefore, we thank you, in advance, for your swift action.

In addition, we would suggest recommending against block granting SNAP in the appropriations process, due to the potential for severe impact on Nevada and the nation during times of economic and employment fluctuations.

We deeply appreciate your support for the food insecure families and children in Nevada.

Sincerely,

[signed]  
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Chair, Governor's Council on Food Security

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Vice-Chair