(Date)

(Elected Official Title and Name)

(Address)

(City, ST Zip)

Dear [elected official],

As a constituent in [your State or Area] and a Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) [sponsor/provider], operating [name of your institution], it is crucial that my representatives support CACFP initiatives. This program allows me to serve nutritious meals to [number of children or adults] children/adults every day and helps me to better serve my community by ensuring that more children are nutrition secure. In our home state of [your state], [[number of children and adults](https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/12ccfypart-2.pdf)] children and adults are served meals by CACFP providers daily.

The primary goal of the CACFP is to serve nutritious meals and snacks in child care homes and centers, afterschool care programs, emergency shelters, and adult day care facilities. Additionally, the CACFP also includes:

* + The establishment of positive eating habits at the earliest stages of development.
  + Reduction of future health care and education costs due to lack of proper early development.
  + Training and support of local child care personnel.

Children and adults that are cared for by providers participating in the CACFP benefit from the nutritious meals that follow the CACFP meal pattern that ensure proper development. Children in CACFP receive meals that are nutritionally superior to those served to children in comparable child care settings not participating in the CACFP. These children benefit from early nutrition education that helps them establish positive eating habits that will enrich the quality of their diet throughout their life. Research shows that CACFP reduces food insecurity and plays a vital, clear role in promoting nutrition security.

Parents of children in child care are assured that their child(ren) receives high quality meals. With proper nutrition, the child is less likely to experience illness and fatigue and will develop at a normal physical and intellectual pace. Good nutrition is the recipe for an all-around happier child. By expanding access and strengthening CACFP, working families can ensure that their children are well cared for and receive the nutrient-rich diet and tools they need to be healthy.

Providers receive nutrition education and support services from their CACFP sponsor that help them serve nutritious meals and create a positive eating environment for children. Reimbursement for CACFP participation supports providers in offering nutritious meals to those in their care. As a result, CACFP providers serve more fruits, vegetables, and milk than non-CACFP child care providers.

It is imperative that CACFP be given priority as it decreases food insecurity, promotes nutrition security, and leads to better life-long health outcomes. I look forward to witnessing the great work of your office in the future and the contributions you will make towards promoting nutrition security in [your state].

Sincerely,

(Your Name)

(Your Organization)