

**Child Nutrition Reauthorization Bill
Food Bank Responses
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Food Bank at Contra Costa and Solano Counties

Lisa Sherill

“As the food bank represented by Chairman George Miller in Congress we are especially excited and proud of the child nutrition bill that the Chairman recently unveiled. This bill will make substantial new investments in child nutrition programs and increase eligibility for children from low-income families, allowing them to access the nutritious food they need. We look forward to working with Chairman Miller as this bill moves through the legislative process.”

Redwood Empire Food Bank

Gail Atkins

“We are pleased that the much-needed Child Nutrition Reauthorization bill that Chairman George Miller unveiled will expand the Year-Round Summer Food Program, which is currently operating here at the Redwood Empire Food Bank and throughout California. Based on our experience with this program, there is little doubt that expansion will increase access and participation to nutritious food. By allowing organizations that administer the Summer Food Service Program, such as food banks, to only have to operate *one* child nutrition program throughout the year, there are fewer administrative burdens impeding program efficiency.”

Alameda County Community Food Bank

Allison Pratt

“We are proud to support Chairman George Miller’s Child Nutrition Reauthorization bill. We believe that expansion of the Afterschool Meal Program is especially important because so many low-income parents work long or non-traditional hours. Providing low-income children access to snacks after-school, on school holidays, and weekends can help reduce childhood hunger and are especially important during times of economic crisis. We look forward to working together to reach President Obama’s goal of \$1 billion in additional funding each year and to connecting even more children to valuable feeding programs.”

San Francisco Food Bank

Renske Lynde

The “*Improving Nutrition for America’s Children Act of 2010*” goes a long way towards improving the quality of and access to school meal programs. As you know, much work remains to enable these programs to operate optimally and reach all the children who depend on this critical nutrition each and every day. We applaud the inclusion of efforts to expand school breakfast. We are especially grateful that the bill includes significant language around streamlining certification procedures for children already enrolled in other low-income programs.