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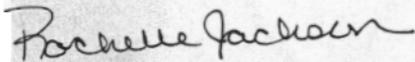
Dear Ms. Daniels:

I am sending this correspondence to you today to make some recommendations to improve the WIC program. I have been a WIC participant for a number of years and I speak from personal experience

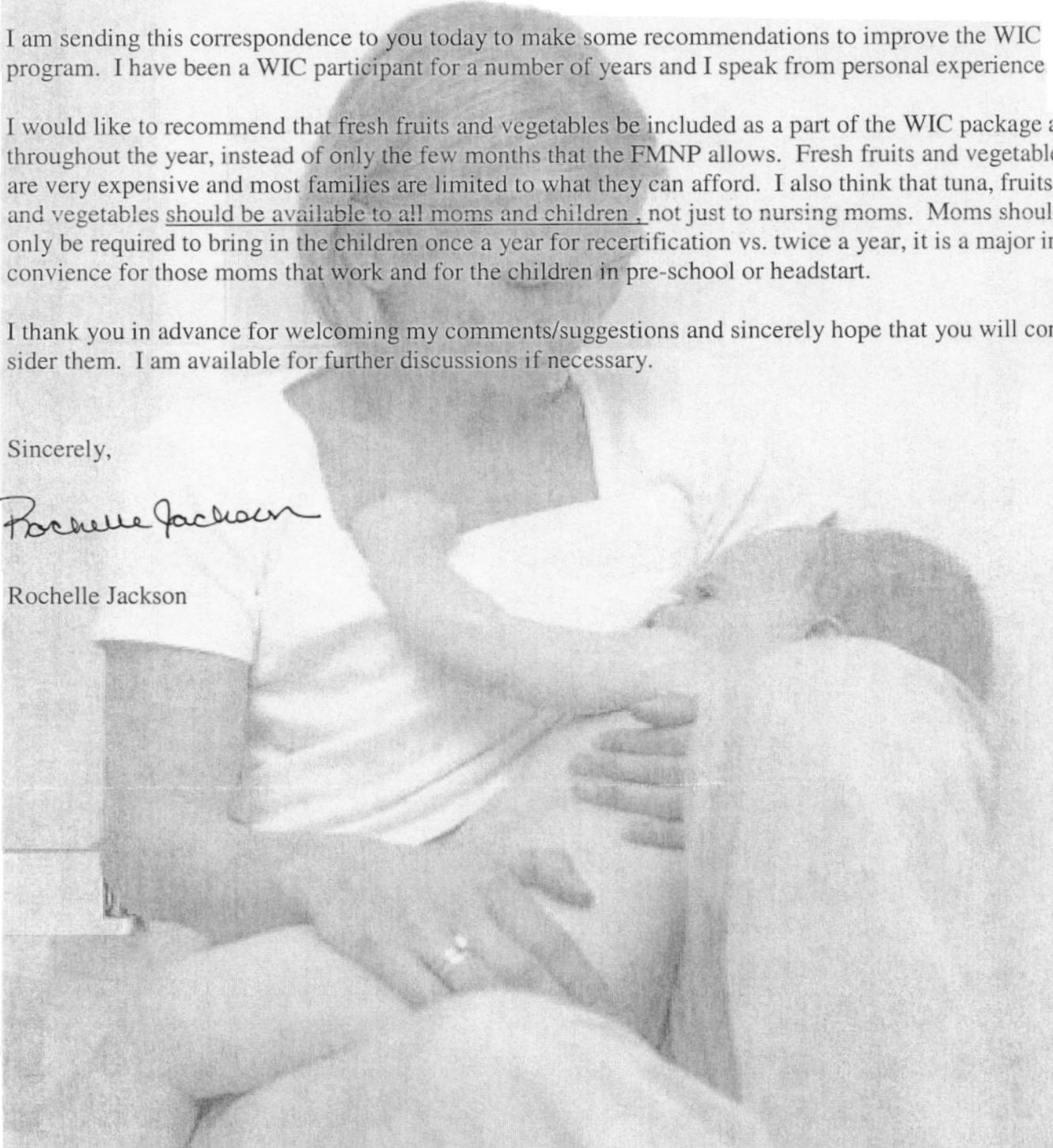
I would like to recommend that fresh fruits and vegetables be included as a part of the WIC package all throughout the year, instead of only the few months that the FMNP allows. Fresh fruits and vegetables are very expensive and most families are limited to what they can afford. I also think that tuna, fruits and vegetables should be available to all moms and children, not just to nursing moms. Moms should only be required to bring in the children once a year for recertification vs. twice a year, it is a major inconvenience for those moms that work and for the children in pre-school or headstart.

I thank you in advance for welcoming my comments/suggestions and sincerely hope that you will consider them. I am available for further discussions if necessary.

Sincerely,



Rochelle Jackson



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