



October 5, 2012

Under Secretary Kevin Concannon
United States Department of Agriculture
Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Concannon:

Hunger Task Force supports the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act.

Hunger Task Force is Milwaukee's Free and Local Food Bank. Hunger Task Force believes that every person has the right to adequate food obtained with dignity. We work to prevent hunger and malnutrition by providing food to people in need today and by promoting social policies to achieve a hunger free community tomorrow.

One in two children in City of Milwaukee lives in poverty. The healthy changes to school meals implemented as part of the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act are important to the 83.4% of Milwaukee Public School students who qualify for free and reduced-price school lunch and the nearly 30,000 who eat breakfast at school each day.

The new standards are designed to ensure that children have the energy to learn in class and be physically active, while reducing their risk of obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, and other serious chronic diseases.

We need to stand together and support the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act and decrease barriers to healthy food choices.

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