



**Statement by CAFB Executive Director Sue Sigler on Senate Passage of Child Nutrition Reauthorization**

**Oakland, CA** – August 6, 2010 - The Child Nutrition Reauthorization bill passed by the U.S. Senate yesterday would cut food stamp benefits in order to fund expansion of child nutrition programs. While the bill makes many positive policy changes, enacting cuts to the food stamp program to pay for these changes is not a tradeoff that the California Association of Food Banks is willing to accept. In its current state, we believe the Senate bill would do more harm than good.

California Association of Food Bank opposes using food stamp benefits meant for California's 3 million neediest people as a federal piggy bank to fund other legislation. Therefore we oppose the Senate Child Nutrition Reauthorization bill. CAFB urges the House of Representatives to reject the Senate bill and move quickly to pass its version of Child Nutrition Reauthorization.

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