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Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano thanks House for passing Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act

Concord, CA—Dec. 2, 2010 - The U.S. House of Representatives today approved the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act (S. 3307) by a bipartisan vote 264 to 157.

“We are thrilled that congress has passed this bill that will provide nutritious food to millions of children,” said Larry Sly, executive director of the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano. “We are especially grateful to Education and Labor Committee Chairman Miller for his leadership in steering the child nutrition bill to final passage. We now urge Congressional leaders and the Administration to work to replace the SNAP offset used to partially pay for the bill.”

This important legislation provides \$4.5 billion in new funding over the next 10 years to improve children’s access to healthy meals. By improving access to programs, especially during out-of-school times, the legislation will help close the hunger gap on weekends, afterschool, and during the summer.

During the last two years, the Food Bank - with the help of our community advocates - has worked alongside anti-hunger advocates across the country to secure the strongest possible child nutrition bill for our nation’s children. Our network has generated thousands of emails and phone calls to our nation’s leaders in support of the bill. We have hosted Congressman Miller at two different distribution locations to highlight the need in our community and to encourage support of the child nutrition bill.

The bill was passed unanimously by the Senate on August 5. The legislation must now be sent to the President for his signature before becoming law.

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About the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano

[The Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano](#) has been serving the community for 35 years. We provided food to more than 132,000 hungry people in need every month directly at community sites and through a network of 180 charitable agencies, and distributed over 12.6 million pounds last year! The Food Bank works to reduce food waste, feed hungry people, and

raise public awareness of issues related to food and hunger. The work could not get done without the help of the hundreds of volunteers that donate their time to coordinate food drives, sort and pack the food, and help distribute it to their hungry neighbors. To learn more about the Food Bank and the work we do or to find out how you can help, please visit us on the web at www.foodbankccs.org or give us a call at 800-870-FOOD.