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Dear National CSFP Association Member,

As you know, the newly elected majority in Congress is committed to confronting the growing federal deficit by reducing spending.

Last Friday, the House Appropriations Committee proposed to reduce CSFP funding by \$20 million when the current Continuing Resolution expires on March 4. This represents in excess of 11% reduction in federal funding. If passed, we anticipate that the national CSFP caseload would be reduced by 81,000 slots this year. We have two weeks in which to influence the United States Senate before they act on the Continuing Resolution. You are strongly encouraged to take the following immediate actions:

- Focus your advocacy efforts on your U.S. Senators. Invite them to a distribution, call, write, or e-mail them to emphasize the importance of protecting this funding, on behalf of vulnerable seniors living in their district.
- Remind your Senators about the six states (Hawaii, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Idaho, Rhode Island and Maryland) that secured approved State Plans this year and the need to appropriate the resources needed in order for them to begin providing service to seniors in their states. In spite of the current threat to CSFP funding, we continue to hear that it remains possible that new states could be added onto the program this year if the Senate adds \$5 million, specifically for these new states to the President's 2011 budget request of \$176,788,00, for a total of \$181,788,000.

Thank you, in advance, for your advocacy on behalf of those served by CSFP.

Sincerely,

Frank Kubik
Chair, NCSFPA Education Committee