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Urging Congress to maintain the current level of federal funding for child nutrition programs.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS the child nutrition programs in the state serve a wide range of children from all economic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS good nutrition is essential to the growth, development, learning, and general well being of children; and

WHEREAS the April 1983, National Evaluation of School Nutrition Programs indicated that students who participate in school lunch programs are better nourished than children who do not participate in school lunch programs; and

WHEREAS seven affiliated organizations within the state have adopted the Alaska State Nutrition Committee's School Lunch Resolution of January 1984, and this resolution emphasizes the importance of good nutrition; and

WHEREAS participation in child nutrition programs is increasing in the state; and

WHEREAS the cost of the state's child nutrition programs is also increasing; and

WHEREAS approval of the projected cuts in federal funding for child nutrition programs will jeopardize the continuation of the present lunch programs in the state; and

WHEREAS the projected federal funding cuts, representing more than a 30 percent reduction from the current funding level of the cash reimbursements for state child nutrition programs, will adversely affect the quality of the existing child nutrition programs and the ability of the state to maintain these programs;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it urges the United States Congress to maintain the present level of federal funding for child nutrition programs throughout the country.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald Reagan, President of the United States; to the Honorable George Bush, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; to the Honorable Strom Thurmond, President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate; to the Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.