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83 Strong and Growing: Open to New and Different Ideas

September 23, 2010

The Honorable Barack Obama
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, we write to request a meeting with you to discuss our concerns with proposed reductions in food assistance.

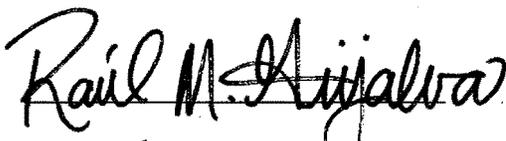
We are very concerned about the possible consideration of legislation regarding the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). In a meeting today with the Speaker, we requested that the House postpone any vote on the Senate's version of the Child Nutrition bill, S. 3307, the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, until alternative offsets to the SNAP are found.

This request reflects the concerns expressed in a letter dated August 13th 2010, signed by more than 100 Members of Congress, that using SNAP as an offset will harm the same people we seek to help in this legislation.

While we acknowledge that we must sacrifice the many benefits that the House version of Child Nutrition Reauthorization provide, we ask simply that alternative offsets be found to pay for the Senate's more modest but meaningful improvements to the Child Nutrition Act.

We look forward to work with you together to ensure that these concerns are addressed in the final bill.

Sincerely,


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Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Madam Speaker:

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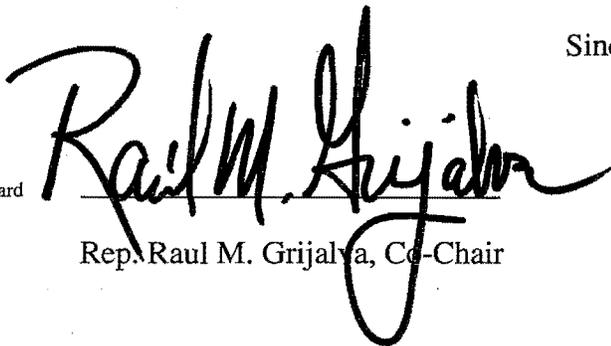
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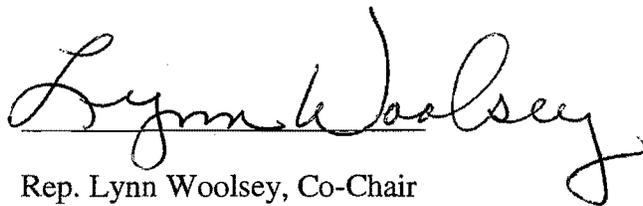
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