



The California Delegation has HUGE SUCCESS in Washington DC.

What a difference a Democratic President makes. This year 75 California delegates stormed the hill in Washington to speak frankly with our members of Congress, concerning the lack of funding for our programs on both a state and Federal Level. Child Nutrition has always been a bi-partisan issue, but funding is and always will be the point we continually battle. With \$1 Billion dollars set aside in the Economic Stimulus Bill, it was our time to make our case. Miguel Villareal and the PP&L committee compiled all the tools needed and our members charged the hill well equipped and ready for action.

Many members agree that we need more funding. They understand the need for a consistent Nutrition Standard so that our vendors can make one product for National School Lunch not 50, because each state has a different standard. They understand that reimbursement rates are inadequate, especially in California and they understand that our Eligibility scales must be adjusted. Our members were so active that several asked how we could get AJR69, California's resolution recognizing our programs are inadequately funded heard on a National level. Well, we made it happen. Judy and Scott Pollock, Mary Lou Romero and Tony Roberts asked Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez if she would read the resolution into the Congressional Record. On Wednesday, January 4, 2009, as some of our members watched from the gallery, California made history, as Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez read AJR 69 into the Congressional Record. California is again the leader in recognizing the needs of our students!!!! Congratulations to everyone who had a part in AJR 69. I am so proud to be a member of this association.

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