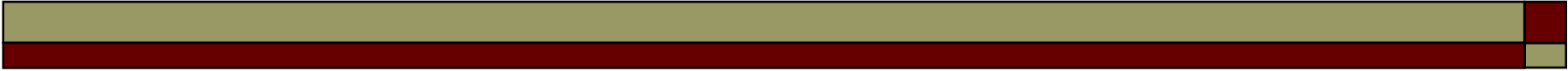




# SNA & CSNA'S 2013 Legislative Issue Papers



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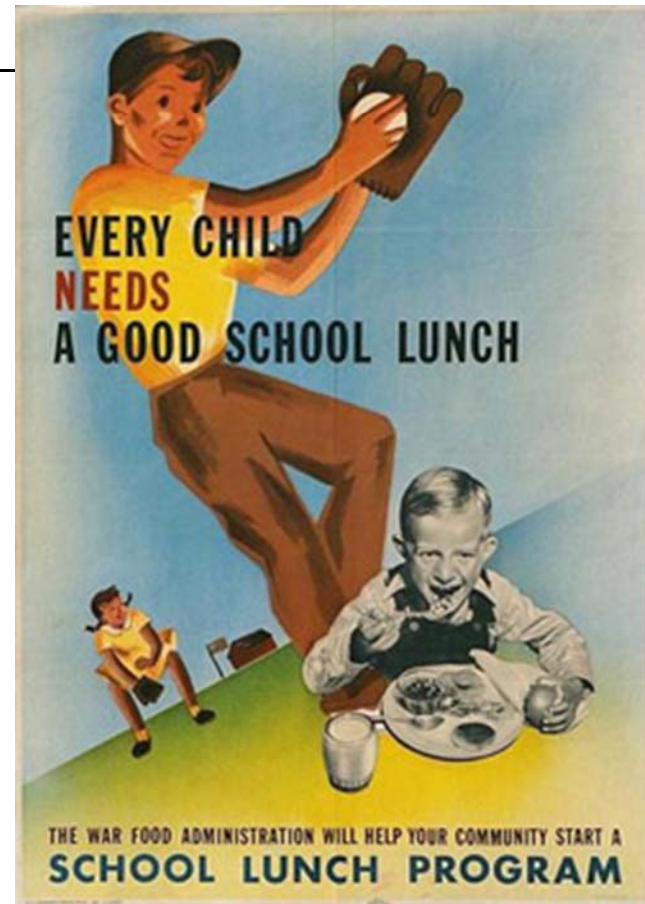
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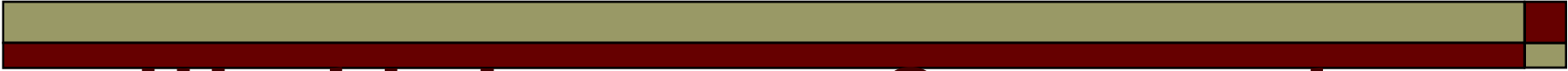
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has functioned successfully as a grant-in-aid  
program.

We believe Congress has made the correct  
decision in exempting school nutrition  
programs from sequestration.

We request that Congress continue  
to invest in our children by  
providing nutritious school meals  
under the current funding  
structure. It is this structure that  
has allowed the program to  
succeed and become a model for  
the world. With this sense of  
history, SNA makes the following  
recommendations to protect the  
nutritional health of our children:





# Weekly Limits on Grains and Protein

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- SNA supports the elimination of weekly limits on grains and meat/meat alternatives.
- SNA strongly urges USDA to make the temporary flexibility permanent.



# Breakfast

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- ❑ We urge a delay in implementing the School Breakfast Program modifications pending resolution of outstanding issues related to the School Lunch Meal Pattern.
- ❑ Once implemented, SNA urges the elimination of the weekly limits on Grains served in the School Breakfast Program.
- ❑ SNA also recommends allowing full substitutability of Meat/Meat Alternates for Grains. New nutrition standards for school breakfast require a full serving of grain to be offered every single school day.



## Section 205

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- Section 205 of HHFKA mandates that certain School Food Authorities annually increase their paid meal prices regardless of their financial solvency.
- SNA asks Congress to amend Section 205 of HHFKA by narrowing Section 205 to only those School Food Authorities that have a negative fund balance at the end of the previous school year.

# Unpaid Meal Charges

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- Unpaid meal charges continue to increase significantly
- Establish a national policy to address this issue

# Contact Information

- ❑ Follow up regularly
- ❑ Contact your State and local officials!
- ❑ Visit [senate.gov](http://senate.gov) or [house.gov](http://house.gov) for information on contacting your representatives





# CSNA takes on Washington D.C.





# CSNA Washington Visits

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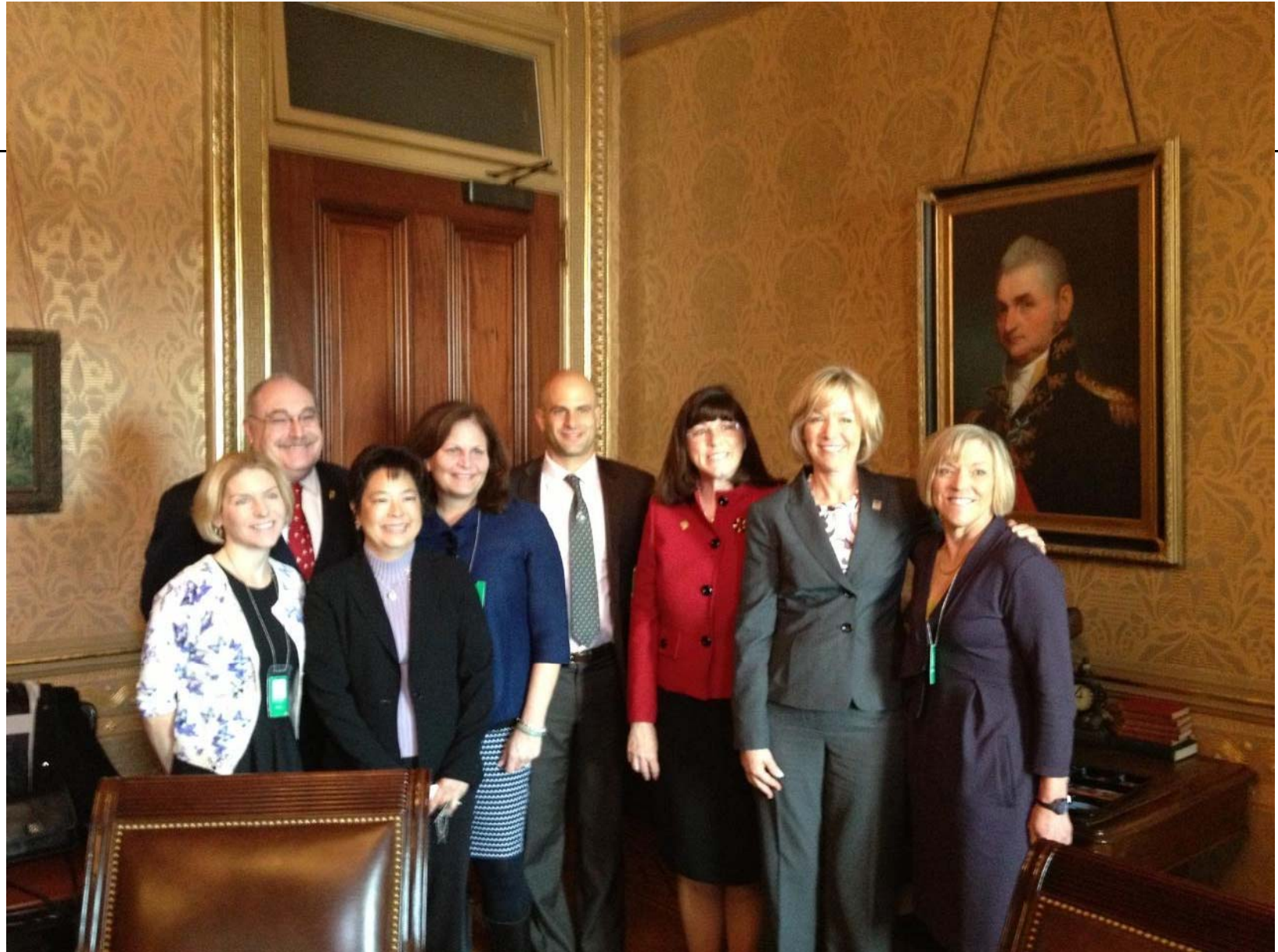
- **Chef Sam Kass, Senior Advisor to the President,**
- **Jaquel Russell, Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy**
- **Julie Moreno, Policy Analyst for the White House Domestic Policy**
  
- **Ashley Eden, Education Consultant**
- **The Honorable Dianne Feinstein**
- **U.S. Senate**
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- **Patrick Scandling, Education Advisor**
- **The Honorable Barbara Boxer**
- **U.S. Senate**
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# CSNA Washington Visits

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- **The Honorable Sam Farr**
  - **U.S. House of Representatives**
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- **The Honorable George Miller, Minority Leader for the House Education and Workforce Committee**
  - **U.S. House of Representatives**
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- **Janey Thornton, Deputy Under Secretary**
  - **USDA Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services**





# CSNA Issues

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- ❑ Regional Indexing
- ❑ Mealtime Management
- ❑ Nutrition Education



# Indexing

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- Congress should ask the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to conduct a study of the costs and benefits of indexing school meal eligibility and reimbursements to reflect costs.



# Mealtime Management

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- Congress should explore options that would encourage schools to adjust schedules to ensure students have adequate time to consume meals.



# Nutrition Education

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- Congress should consider policies that will educate children about the benefits of nutrition and physical activity for lifelong wellness.





# Follow Up

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- Current House and Senate Bills introduced in Congress
- Senators Hoeven and Pryor's, Senate Bill 427 – *“Sensible School Lunch Act”*
  - Removal of the maximum quantity of grains, meat, or meal alternates permanently

# Senator Hoeven's press conference





# Fudge-Stivers bill

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- ❑ Removes the maximums on grains and meats permanently
- ❑ Allows school boards to set the meal prices if school nutrition programs are operating in the black, therefore, not mandated to follow Section 205 of reauthorization, the Paid Meal Equity provision



## Results of visits?

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- Representative Sam Farr has requested the GAO to conduct the study on indexing. So far there have been 14 co-signers on his letter.
- We are organizing a meeting with Representative George Miller to sign on to the Fudge-Stivers bill and ask that he go further and request a repeal of Section 205.