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The Honorable George Miller
Chairman
House Education and Labor Committee

The Honorable John Kline
Ranking Member
House Education and Labor Committee

Dear Chairman and Ranking Member,

Thank you very much for all the hard work that you and your staff put into crafting the *Improving Nutrition for America's Children Act (H.R. 5504)*. We congratulate you and the Committee on this excellent bill, and particularly thank you for including \$50 million in mandatory funding for farm to school initiatives.

The National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition (NSAC) strongly supports farm to school programs as responsible, cost effective means to improve child nutrition while simultaneously stimulating rural farm economies. Likewise, the wider nutrition improvements included in H.R. 5504 are a necessary investment in ensuring a healthy future for our children and a vibrant future economy.

We are very glad that the Committee will mark up the *Improving Nutrition for America's Children Act* tomorrow, and encourage you to move the bill as expeditiously as possible to a full House vote. Be assured that you will have our support in the effort.

Best regards,

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