



# NTFB VOICE Advocacy Update

ADVOCATING FOR A HUNGER-FREE, HEALTHY NORTH TEXAS

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## In Brief -

- Child Nutrition Reauthorization is here
- Feeding America Releases Study
- The Mysterious White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition & Health needs your **HELP!**

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**Please be sure to not miss the Advocacy Opportunity below!**

## **Child Nutrition ReAuthorization (finally)**

The 2022 Child Nutrition ReAuthorization (CNR), aka '[Healthy Meals, Healthy Kids Act](#)' has been introduced by the House Committee on Education and Labor.

As a reminder, the CNR is a collection of bills that impact the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Summer Meals, School Meals, the Child and Adult Food Care Program (CACFP), Farm to School Program, and Nutrition Education (and even a few more).

The Child Nutrition Reauthorization has not been changed since 2010 (even though it's supposed to be reauthorized every 4 years).

Markup (debate, amend, or rewrite) of the original bill is underway now.

But, the initial response has been a positive one:

- praising improving the Community Eligibility Provision so that more school districts can access free meals for their students,
- improving WIC telehealth program, which will allow more women to seek assistance from their home instead of traveling to an office with their children,
- and most notably, increasing the eligibility age of WIC to six years old, instead of five years old, thus eliminating the child nutrition gap between WIC and the start of school meals.

We will continue to follow this exciting process and let you know any opportunities to use your voice to help influence this legislation.

### **Feeding America Releases Survey Study**

Along with the Map the Meal Gap study, Feeding America partnered with Perry Udem to conduct a survey study from a 'National Survey of People Who Are Experiencing Hunger and Food Insecurity'. This study surveyed over 1,300 adults who had experienced food insecurity in the past two years.

The Top 10 findings from the study were:

*\*They, refers to study participants*

1. Individuals experiencing food insecurity are struggling right now.
2. 43% say they want to eat healthier but cannot afford to.
3. 75% report making big trade-offs to afford food.
4. They understand - and are concerned about - hunger's impact on health.
5. They say inflation/rising food costs, high rents/mortgages, job loss, and too many low wage jobs are top causes of hunger.
6. More than 44% say racism has negatively affected their opportunities in life.
7. They place high value on food assistance programs that work to reduce hunger.
8. It is personally important to them that Congress acts to reduce hunger.
9. They share beliefs about hunger.
  - a. No one serving in the military - whether active, veterans, or their families should have to deal with hunger and food insecurity.
  - b. No one in America should ever go hungry.
  - c. We should ensure every child in America has the food they need to thrive and grow.
  - d. Reducing hunger and food insecurity is an important step in making communities more equitable.
10. They want SNAP to make it easier to access healthy foods, NOT place restrictions on food choices.

Stay tuned for the full study, released soon from Feeding America, packed with helpful and sobering information.

### **\*The White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition & Health**

In May, when the White House Conference was announced, it generated excitement among anti-hunger advocates. The possibilities of using a national stage to put anti-hunger policy issues in the spotlight, for the first time in 50 years, is transformative!

Since the announcement, however, the Conference details and logistics remain a mystery. Though in the presence of vagueness, anti-hunger advocates are clear on one thing. Hunger is not acceptable.

Conference details are minor but you can find them [here](#).

While waiting for details, Food Banks and other anti-hunger organizations have been conducting community listening sessions, identifying neighbors who can testify, and preparing statements. NTFB will collect your thoughts on the form below and integrate them into our prepared statement for the White House.

**We need your help ASAP, by Friday July 29th!**

**[Please click here & let us know...](#)**

**[What do you want the White House to know?](#)**

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