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Senator Robert Dole
Subcommittee on Nutrition & Investigations
ATTN: CHRIS BOLTON
141 Hart Senate Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Dole:

Once again you have risen to the challenge and have voted to increase funding for the Women, Infants and Children Program. On behalf of the three point four million mothers and children we are now able to bring this important nutrition program to, THANK YOU. On behalf of the additional one hundred and fifty thousand mothers and children who have been on waiting lists to come onto the Program, thank you for answering their prayer! In turn, we State WIC Directors commit ourselves to you to take these new resources and stretch them as far as possible through the remainder of FY88 in service to these mothers and children.

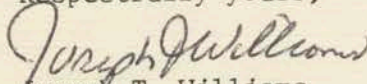
On another most important matter, thank you for your work in the passage of the WIC provisions in S-305. As State Program Managers, you have given us a valuable tool to effect infant formula cost containment and serve more participants through recycling the rebates. I expect the majority of states to implement rebate plans over the next twelve months.

Finally, because states are implementing competitive bidding, I welcome the fact that you are directing the Secretary to study the funding for WIC Nutrition and Administrative Services, with the report to be made back to Congress not later than March 1989. This is an issue of concern of all State WIC Directors. You will perhaps recall the Association's presentation of this issue before the Subcommittee this past summer.

To that end, because we have studied this issue and because State WIC Management has taken the leadership on the rebates, I would like to offer you the Association as a participant in this study.

Again, thank you for your kind consideration of this matter.

Respectfully yours,


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