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Joyce Jones, R.N.  
Sharron Knox, R.D., MPH  
Judy Yearout, WIC Clerk  
Sherman County Health Department  
807 Main Street  
Goodland, Kansas 67735

Dear Joyce, Sharron, and Judy:

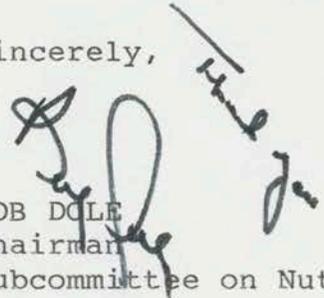
Thank you for your recent letter concerning the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). I believe Christina Bolton of my staff has been in touch with Sarah Veslick and Joyce by telephone to discuss your recommendations for program improvements.

You might be interested to know that I plan to introduce legislation to reauthorize the WIC Program for four years, and that we listened to your recommendations. In addition, the Subcommittee on Nutrition, of which I am still Chairman, held a hearing on June 17, at which medical experts testified as to the program's effectiveness and made similar recommendations. I would be pleased to send you a copy of this bill when it is introduced. In addition, the other non-entitlement child nutrition programs have to be reauthorized.

It sounds like your program is really doing a great job in serving Kansas residents of five counties. I share your comments on WIC in general as a preventive program -- it is really important to maintain this characteristic. I believe that WIC is probably the most cost-effective federal nutrition program. It has always received my strong support, as well as the strong bipartisan support of the Congress.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write to me concerning your thoughts on the WIC Program. I certainly agree that it is a valuable program, and appreciate your taking the time to contact me. Best of luck in your efforts to expand in Kansas!

Sincerely,



BOB DOLE  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Nutrition