

June 17, 1992

TO: SENATOR DOLE
FROM: STACY HOFFHAUS
SUBJECT: ANNUAL CHAFEE/DeCONCINI WIC APPROPRIATIONS LETTER

YOU HAVE AGAIN BEEN INVITED TO COSIGN THE ANNUAL CHAFEE/DeCONCINI DEAR COLLEAGUE URGING MEMBERS TO SIGN A LETTER TO SENATOR BURDICK ON INCREASING FUNDING FOR WIC. (DOMENICI AND LUGAR ARE LIKELY TO COSIGN). YOU DID NOT SIGN THE DEAR COLLEAGUE LAST YEAR. HOWEVER, 93 SENATORS, YOURSELF INCLUDED, SIGNED LAST YEAR'S LETTER TO SENATOR BURDICK.

THE LETTERS ASK FOR A TOTAL OF \$3 BILLION FOR WIC IN FY93, A \$400 MILLION INCREASE OVER THIS YEAR'S APPROPRIATION. THE PRESIDENT REQUESTED A \$240 MILLION INCREASE FOR WIC FOR FY93.

\$3 BILLION IS THE AMOUNT ADVOCATES ESTIMATE IS NEEDED TO KEEP WIC ON TRACK FOR FULL FUNDING BY 1996. BUDGET COMMITTEE STAFF SAY THE BUDGET RESOLUTION WOULD ACCOMMODATE INCREASING WIC TO \$3 BILLION.

THE LANGUAGE IN THE LETTERS IS FINE. SIGNING THE LETTERS WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH YOUR COSPONSORSHIP OF THE BREAD FOR THE WORLD BILL AND THE DeCONCINI SENSE OF THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO THE BUDGET RESOLUTION, WHICH BOTH ALSO CALL FOR INCREASING WIC TO \$3 BILLION IN FY93.

BOTH USDA AND GAO HAVE RECENTLY COME OUT WITH STUDIES CONFIRMING THAT WIC EXPENDITURES MORE THAN PAY FOR THEMSELVES IN MEDICAID SAVINGS.

DO YOU WANT TO SIGN THE DEAR COLLEAGUE ASKING MEMBERS TO SIGN THE LETTER TO BURDICK? (DRAFT IS ATTACHED)

YES NO NEED MORE INFORMATION

DO YOU WANT TO SIGN THE LETTER TO SENATOR BURDICK URGING THAT \$3 BILLION BE APPROPRIATED FOR WIC IN FY93? (DRAFT IS ATTACHED)

YES NO