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Our topic today is...

“Working with Legislature to Promote and Support CSFP”

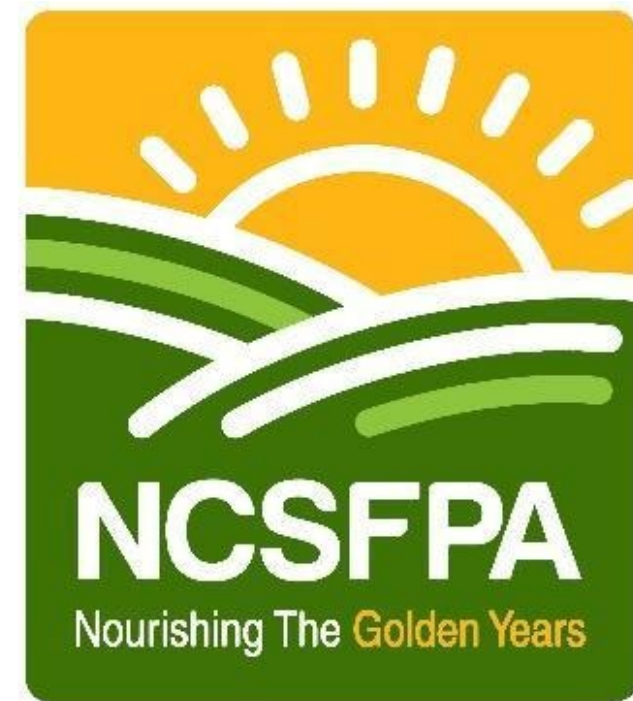
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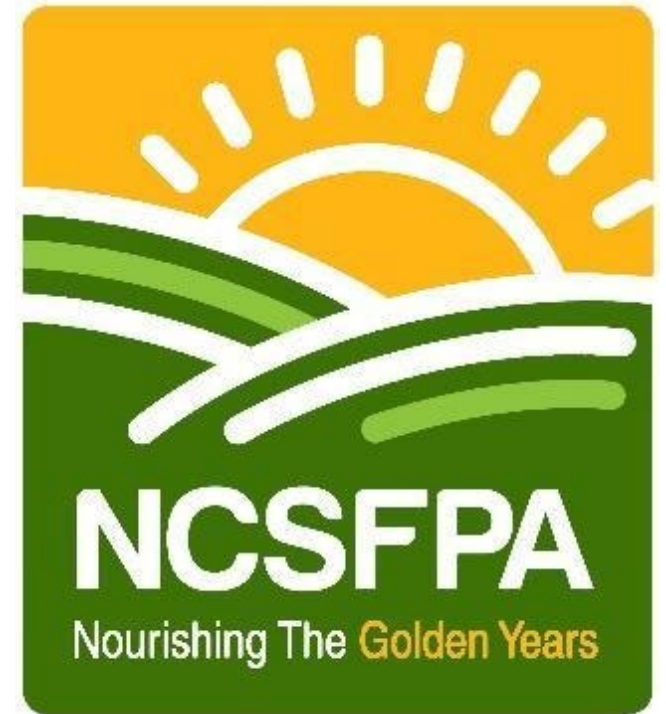
Introductions

Today's training is a look at a "year in the life" of how NCSFPA communicates with USDA, members of Congress, and their committees that support and fund CSFP.

Our presenters today are...

Frank Kubik from Focus HOPE in Detroit, Michigan. Frank has years of experience working with elected representatives, Farm Bill Committee members, Appropriation Committee members, and Congressional Subcommittees through requested testimony on the value of CSFP.

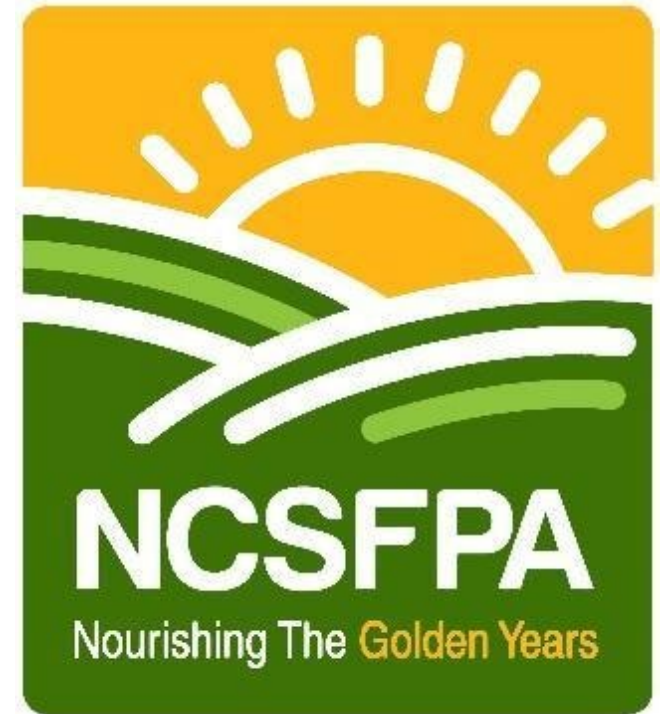
Tom Priest works for The State of Michigan. Tom has worked with CSFP and TEFAP for the past 10 years and is the current NCSFPA Board President. More importantly, Tom knows Frank.



Introductions

Please enter your name, state, and organization in the chat while we share our NSCFPA Board information.

Thank you!



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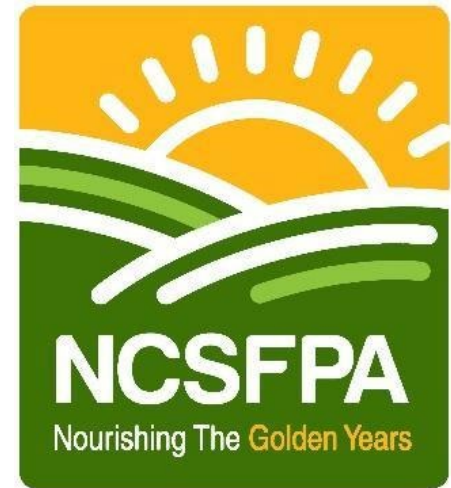
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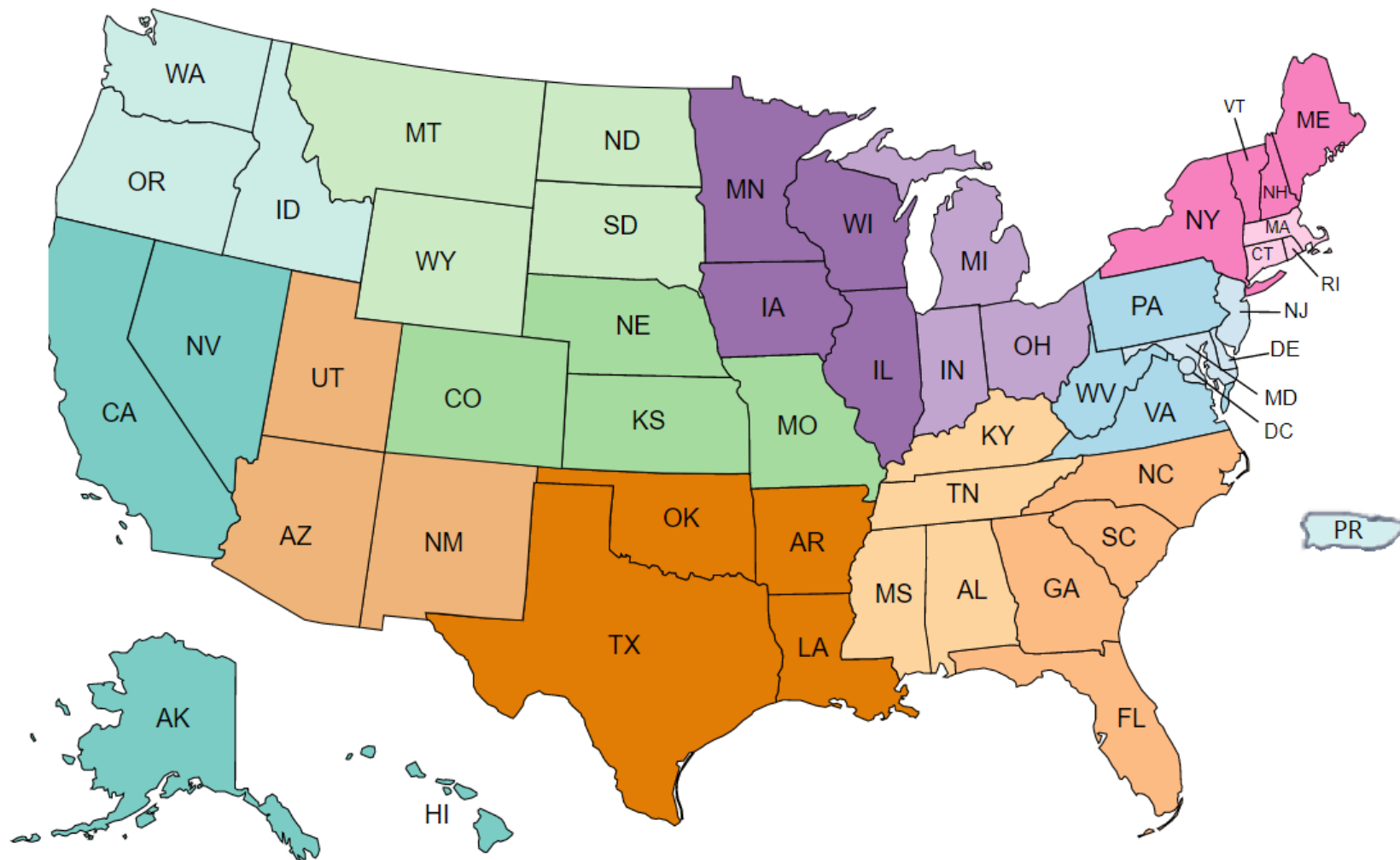
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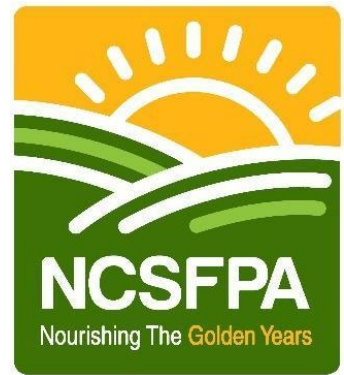
NCSFPA, USDA, and Congress

The NCSFPA Board is in contact with USDA and members of Congress. Like most relationships, it takes regular communication to keep each other informed and involved in supporting shared goals, meeting with elected officials and their staff.

The NCSFPA Board invites USDA National Office staff to our board meetings four times a year. We submit questions, get responses, and have discussion on current topics that affect CSFP. This is a welcome chance to build an ongoing relationship with USDA.

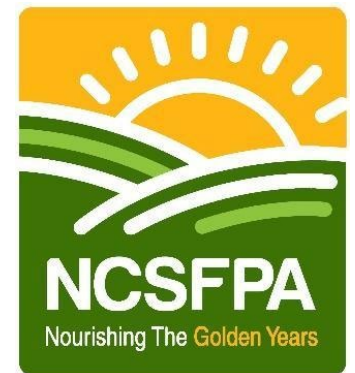
The board also contacts or responds to members of Congress throughout the year to keep CSFP planning on track to meet budget and planning deadlines.

While the efforts we will discuss tend to take place at the same time each year, they are subject to delays. All timelines are anticipated timelines.



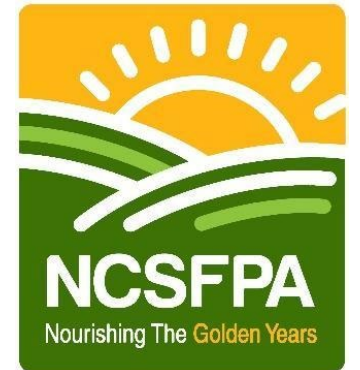
House and Senate Sign-on Letters

- A “sign-on” letter is like a petition in Congress. They are circulated by champions in Congress to ask other members to join them in showing their support for an issue. NCSFPA works to support this process for CSFP.
- The number of signers on these letters set a marker for just how much support an issue area has.
- As leaders of the committee start writing their annual spending bill, having clear support from their colleagues is important when they are deciding how to divide up their budget for the year.
- These letters can have a lot of sway with leadership when a strong number of their colleagues are asking them to support a cause – especially if it shows bipartisan support!
- Source <https://results.org/blog/fy22-global-sign-on-letters/>



House and Senate Sign-on Letter Timeline

	January	February	March	April
CSFP Legislative Support Efforts	NCSFPA Board work on House and Senate Sign-on letters begins	Start of Individual House/Senate Member Requests and Sign-on Letters	Individual Member Requests and Sign-on Letters continue	Individual Member Requests and Sign-on Letters continue. House deadline is mid/late April. Senate deadline similar.



From:
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 1:04 PM
To: Frank Kubik
Subject: RE: CSFP FY23 Dear Colleague

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Thank you! I added him

From: Frank Kubik <KUBIKF@focushope.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 12:04 PM
To
Subject: CSFP FY23 Dear Colleague

Hi

I have attached below a Dear Colleague letter from Representative Andy Levin in support of funding the Commodity Supplemental Food Program in FY23. Please consider having Congressman sign on to this letter. The state of New Hampshire has a monthly caseload of 3,372 low-income seniors on the program. The current signers are Adams, Alma; Allred, Colin; Auchincloss, Jake; Barragán, Nanette; Blunt Rochester, Lisa; Bonamici, Suzanne; Brown, Anthony; Brownley, Julia; Cárdenas, Tony; Carson, André; Casten, Sean; Castro, Joaquin; Chu, Judy; Cicilline, David; Cohen, Steve; Correa, J.; Courtney, Joe; Craig, Angie; Davids, Sharice; Davis, Danny; Dean, Madeleine; DeFazio, Peter; DeGette, Diana; DelBene, Suzan; Delgado, Antonio; Demings, Val; DeSaulnier, Mark; Deutch, Theodore; Dingell, Debbie; Doggett, Lloyd; Eshoo, Anna; Evans, Dwight; Fletcher, Lizzie; Foster, Bill; Gallego, Ruben; Garamendi, John; García, Jesús; Garcia, Sylvia; Gomez, Jimmy; Gonzalez, Vicente; Green, Al; Hayes, Jahana; Jacobs, Sara; Jayapal, Pramila; Johnson, Eddie; Kahele, Kaiali'i; Keating, William; Khanna, Ro; Kildee, Daniel; Kuster, Ann; Lamb, Conor; Larsen, Rick; Larson, John; Levin, Andy; Lieu, Ted; Lowenthal, Alan; Lynch, Stephen; Maloney, Sean; McBath, Lucy; McGovern, James; McNerney, Jerry; Moore, Gwen; Morelle, Joseph; Moulton, Seth; Neal, Richard; Newman, Marie; Norton, Eleanor; Omar, Ilhan; Pallone, Frank; Panetta, Jimmy; Payne, Donald; Plaskett, Stacey; Porter, Katie; Pressley, Ayanna; Raskin, Jamie; Rice, Kathleen; Ruiz, Raul; Rush, Bobby; Sablan, Gregorio; Sánchez, Linda; Sarbanes, John; Schakowsky, Janice; Schrier, Kim; Scott, Robert; Sewell, Terri; Sires, Albio; Slotkin, Elissa; Smith, Adam; Soto, Darren; Spanberger, Abigail; Speier, Jackie; Stevens, Haley; Strickland, Marilyn; Takano, Mark; Titus, Dina; Trahan, Lori; Vargas, Juan; Veasey, Marc; Velázquez, Nydia; Welch, Peter; Williams, Nikema; Yarmuth, John

The deadline is today at 2:00pm. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.
Frank

House Support

Senate Support

**133 Signatures
of support for
CSFP!**

Sign-on 2023

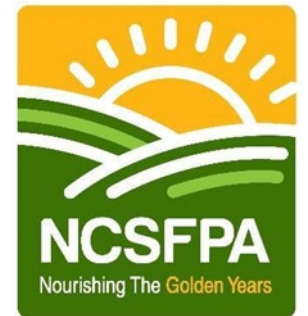


Budget Process and Hearings

- The President is required to submit to Congress a proposed budget by the first Monday in February. This budget is a comprehensive examination of federal revenues and spending.
- Within six weeks of the President's budget submission, congressional committees are required to submit their "views and estimates" of spending and revenues within their respective jurisdictions to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees.
- These views and estimates, along with information from other sources, including NCSFPA, are then used by each Appropriation Committee in drafting and reporting a concurrent resolution on the budget to its respective house.
- Other information is gathered by the Appropriation Committees in reports and hearing testimony, which NCSFPA provides each year.

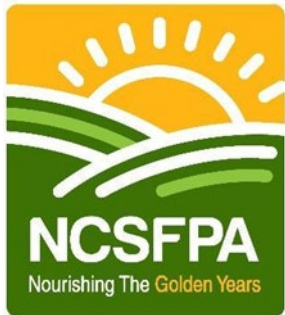
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<https://budget.house.gov/sites/democrats.budget.house.gov/files/documents/crs%20budget%20overview.pdf>



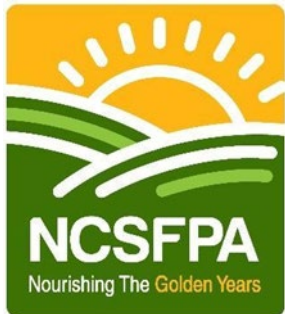
Budget Process Timeline

	February	March	April	May
Budget Process	President's Budget Request released 1st Monday in February. CSFP Explanatory Notes submitted for consideration.	House and Senate Appropriations Markups/Subcommittees and Full Committees activity begins	House and Senate Appropriations Markups/Subcommittees and Full Committees continue	House and Senate Appropriations Markups/Subcommittees and Full Committees continue
	June	July	August	September
	House and Senate Floor Action, Passage, Reconciliation, and Final Passage begins	House and Senate Floor Action, Passage, Reconciliation, and Final Passage continues	House and Senate Floor Action, Passage, Reconciliation, and Final Passage ends	President's signature on final Appropriations Bill by September 30th.



Budget Hearings Timeline

	March	April	May
Appropriations Hearings on Budget Requests	House and Senate Appropriation Committee Hearings on Budget begin	House and Senate Budget Appropriation Committee Hearings on Budget continue	House and Senate Budget Appropriation Committee Hearings on Budget continue



The “Farm Bill”

The “Farm Bill” is a package of legislation passed roughly once every five years that has a tremendous impact on farming livelihoods, how food is grown, and what kinds of foods are grown.

Covering programs ranging from crop insurance for farmers to healthy food access for low-income families and seniors, the farm bill sets the stage for our food and farm systems.

Every five years (or so), the farm bill expires and is updated. It goes through an extensive process where it is proposed, debated, and passed by Congress and is then signed into law by the President.

Each farm bill has a unique title, and the current farm bill is called the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018. **It was enacted into law in December 2018 and expires in 2023.**

Source <https://sustainableagriculture.net/our-work/campaigns/fbcampaign/what-is-the-farm-bill/>



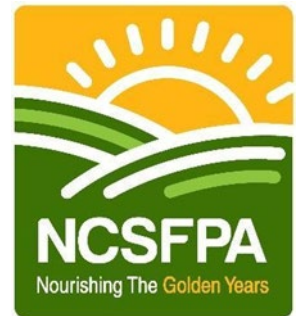
Farm Bill “Timeline” and Impact on CSFP

Given the nature of the Farm Bill, the “timeline” is not always exact as it moves from the last Farm Bill to the next about every five years.

The Farm Bill includes the reauthorization of CSFP, allowing the program to continue for the next five years. This is separate from the Budget process, which establishes funding.

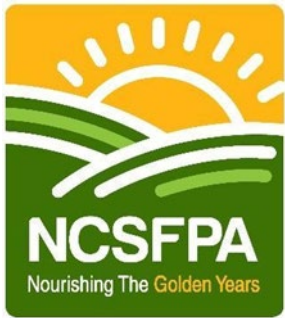
It also provides an opportunity to make regulatory changes to the bill. The CSFP you know today is very different that it was twenty years ago. Farm Bills have incorporated changes such as:

- Removing Mothers, Infants, and Children from the program to focus on Seniors
- Making improvements to administrative funding structure
- Allowing a three-year certification process for participants



Farm Bill Path to Reauthorization

Farm Bill Process	5 year cycle	Includes the reauthorization of CSFP	Funding is through appropriations and authorization to operate the program is through the Farm Bill.	Cheese and Non-fat dry milk provision that provides product outside of CSFP program funds	Opportunity to make regulatory changes to the bill.	Opportunity to present and/or request changes
	House and Senate Agriculture Committees create two independent farm bills requests.	Farm Bill mark up, hearings on the Farm Bill, listening sessions all over the country	House and Senate Floor Action, Passage, Reconciliation, and Passage processes take place	Vote in House and Senate	House and Senate reconciliation and passage	Send to President for signature



NCSFPA Legislative Work Timeline

	January	February	March	April	May
NCSFPA Work	Review National Caseload Participation numbers	Anticipated Release of next Fiscal Year Budget Request	Next Fiscal Year CSFP Appropriations Request Submitted	Completed Appropriations Request Forms from NCSFPA are due by April 1st.	NCSFPA written Testimony and Truth in Testimony Form for House and Senate traditionally due in May
NCSFPA Work	Check with NCSFPA Legal representation on CSFP Funding	Anticipated Annual Release of new CSFP Income Guidelines	NCSFPA submits Agriculture Appropriations Request Bill funding request		
NCSFPA Work	Meals on Wheels Appropriations Info Request Re: CSFP Funding		FRAC Conference and visits to Senate and Congress representatives	Additional visits to House and Senate offices as needed throughout the funding process	

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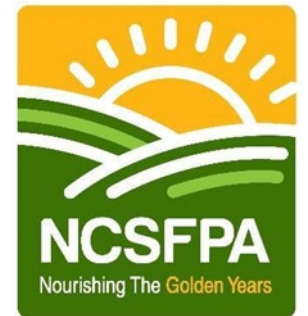
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How You Can Help

Awareness of CSFP is the most valuable asset in getting the support needed to keep the program running strong. Elected officials change from year to year. Established relationships end and new ones begin. The conversation never ends...

When your agency invites a local elected representative and/or senator to a CSFP distribution, they get to see the program in action. These visits show their support for seniors and gives them a chance to hear about CSFP from participants, staff, and volunteers. If you do plan a visit, send out a press release to get some media coverage for your program.

Visits are an opportunity to say “Please remember this visit when the CSFP Sign-On letter arrives at your office at the start of the year. Our participants would appreciate your support.” If you are limited on promoting the program, contact the NCSFPA Board and send us details on the visit and we can connect with your representative and/or senator on your behalf.



Discussion/Questions

We will start with the questions in the chat as we move into our discussion...

