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Holly and Brian,

My team received the request for info from FNS a few hours ago. The request specifically asks if there is anything Gov. Haley would like to highlight for FNS. I have forwarded the request to Amber for her review and input, if appropriate, on our end. However, I wanted to ensure your office had it as well because they are looking for information by COB on Monday.

All the best,
Karen

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Hello Marilyn Matheus,

As you may be aware, the White House has recently refocused efforts on ending childhood hunger. The recently announced Summer Opportunity Project (“giving young people access to their ‘First Job’ and encouraging investments in programs supporting summer meals and learning” view [press release here](#)) is a part of this effort. The kickoff event for the Summer opportunity Project was held at the White House last Friday, which recognized the White House Champions of Change for Summer Opportunities. Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Regional Offices were asked for recommendations of the Champions of Change nominees. Of the 745 nominations (450 unique nominees) there were 9 Champions selected from 8 States, the winners are highlighted [here](#). The WH event highlighting the Champions of Change was recorded, and may be viewed [here](#).

On January 27 of this year, USDA Secretary Vilsack gave opening remarks at the “White House Conversation on Child Hunger in America” the agenda highlighting the impressive list of speakers/presenters is available [here](#). The White House issued the [Fact Sheet: Obama Administration Announces Major Investments in Preventing Child Hunger](#).

Moving forward, the White House wants to be more broadly aware of efforts at the State and local levels focusing on ending hunger, across all FNS programs and beyond FNS.

I have been asked to get feedback from our State Offices on the below question. The White House is looking to collect this information to have to use moving forward. We will be providing this information to the White House for their future use, please provide this information back to me by COB Monday, March 7th. I apologize for the late notice.

Does Governor Nikki Haley and/or First Gentleman Michael Haley, Mayors, or other State and local officials in South Carolina have initiatives to highlight and advance efforts to reduce hunger and food insecurity?

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards,

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