## U.S. SENATOR BOB CASEY



## **FIGHTING** for PENNSYLVANIA FAMILIES

## Access to Healthy Food for Young Children Act Endorsements

"Good nutrition is one of the basic building blocks for the rapid development of infants and toddlers, but 1 in 6 live in households without enough healthy food," said Myra Jones-Taylor, Chief Policy Officer, ZERO TO THREE. "We applaud Senator Casey for championing legislation to help child care programs fill this need for the babies in their care."

"We are thrilled to see Senator Casey introduce The Access to Healthy Foods for Young Children Act. It's passage would be a major step forward in our nation's effort to provide young children who are at a critical stage of their development with the healthy food they need to learn and thrive. It also provides common sense efficiencies for child care providers, so they can spend less time on paperwork and more time helping children become school-ready," said Melody Keim, Executive Director, Greater Philadelphia Coalition Against Hunger.

"CACFP is essential for ensuring children receive healthy and nutritious meals and for supporting child care providers, particularly home based care providers that so many families rely on. We applaud Senator Casey for introducing a bill that would strengthen the program, benefitting more children, families, and child care providers across the country," said Catherine White, Director of Child Care and Early Learning, National Women's Law Center.

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