



UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 205 10

OLYMPIA J. SNOWE
MAINE

June 16, 2004

Dear Jim,

Thank you so much for the Distinguished Service Award from the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC) and for the wonderful poster. I was deeply honored by this generous recognition.

FRAC has always been on the forefront of the cause of ending hunger in America. Through your research and analysis, you have provided the intellectual muscle necessary to wage this fight against hunger. And through your active network of organization and individuals who share this believe, you continue to make a lasting difference.

Like you, I believe that a single hungry child is one child too many. I have been proud to have the opportunity work with FRAC on efforts to ensure that low-income families have the resources they need to put food on the table. Whether through improved childcare for parents making the transition from welfare to work, or through providing the child tax credit to all families, I believe that alleviating hunger requires a comprehensive effort. This year, I was proud to author an amendment passed overwhelmingly by the Senate to add \$6 billion in new childcare funding in the Welfare Reauthorization bill. I also spearheaded the fight in the Senate to make the child tax credit refundable for lower income families. With new tax relief, these families with children will be better able to afford nutritious meals. And I believe that is a cause worth fighting for.

Again, thank you for this kind award. In the future, I look forward to working with FRAC in your unrelenting battle against hunger.

Sincerely,

OLYMPIA J. SNOWE
United States Senator

James D. Weill, President
Food Research and Action Center
1875 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Suite 540
Washington, DC 20009

I deeply appreciate
the honor and recognition!
and you so very
"th. —!