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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

STRADER TESTIFIES AT HEARING

CHARLESTON, IL--Michael Strader, Director of the Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program, provided testimony before the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Human Services as part of the Spring Board Meeting of the National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs held in Washington, D.C. recently.

Peace Meal serves fourteen counties in east central Illinois, providing 1500 meals per day to senior citizens in fifty communities. The nutrition program is sponsored by the School of Home Economics at Eastern Illinois University and is funded through the East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging.

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Also presenting on the panel of witnesses were the Honorable Carol Fraser Fisk, Commissioner, Administration on Aging; Donald Reilly, Deputy Executive Director, National Council on Aging; Wilda Ferguson, President, National Association of State Units on Aging; and Russell Proffitt, Board Member, National Association of Area Agencies on Aging. NANASP represents the only panel presentation of direct service providers.

Panelists presenting testimony were invited guests of the Select Committee on Aging, Subcommittee on Human Services. Each was asked to comment on their evaluations of the proposed regulations of the Older Americans Act Amendments of 1987 in terms of their impact on the organization represented and/or the local programs which will be affected.

Strader serves as President of NANASP. State leaders of nutrition and aging services were special guests of the NANASP Board of Directors for their regular board meeting. The focus of this Board Meeting was on legislative communications and each member and guest was in contact during the course of their stay in Washington with Senators and Representatives to discuss their views on the Aging Issues and pending regulations as they impact at the grassroots level.