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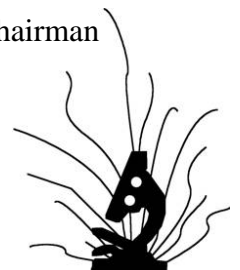
NutriCore Delegation Travels to Washington D.C.

YORK, PA. – May 24, 2006 – The National Center of Excellence in Foods and Nutrition Research (NutriCore NorthEast) met with Senator Rick Santorum and Congressman Todd Platts while in Washington D.C. for the 3rd Annual NutriCore Day in D.C. The six person team representing NutriCore also briefed key staff members in the offices of Senator Arlen Specter and Congressmen Tim Holden and Joseph Pitts.

“I was pleased to meet recently with officials from NutriCore Northeast, Inc. to discuss the need for further investment in food and nutrition research and development,” said Congressman Todd Platts (PA-19). “Such collaborative efforts between private industry and government are crucial to the development of a national nutrition strategy that will benefit all citizens.”

Leading the delegation, NutriCore’s President Darrell Auterson stated, “We wouldn’t be successful without the continued support of our stakeholders and leaders in the legislature. We’re grateful for their commitment and belief in NutriCore’s vision.” Representing the initiative’s 35 sponsors and stakeholders was Laura Phelps, President of the American Mushroom Institute; Robert Lukas, Chairman & CEO of Lukas Confections dba The Classic Caramel Company; Robert Rauhauser, President of American Specialty Systems, Inc; and NutriCore staffers Aeman Bashir and Alan Cotich. The delegation also took samples of an assortment of PA produced products provided by The Classic Caramel Company, The Hershey Company, Martin’s Potato Chips, Turkey Hill Dairy, and Wolfgang Chocolate Co.

“We were very well received by our Representatives and their staffers. We feel the message we brought will enable us to get the necessary funding to continue our initiative to sponsor more meaningful research on improved nutrition for food and snack food that we have begun.” – Robert Lukas, Chairman & CEO of Lukas Confections.



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Santorum Photo – From Left to Right: Alan Cotich, NutriCore NorthEast Project Coordinator; Aeman Bashir, NutriCore NorthEast Administrative Coordinator; Darrell Auterson, President of NutriCore NorthEast; Senator Rick Santorum; Robert Rauhauser, President of American Specialty Systems, Inc.; and Robert Lukas, Chairman & CEO of Lukas Confections

Platts Photo – From Left to Right: Aeman Bashir, NutriCore NorthEast Administrative Coordinator; Robert Rauhauser, President of American Specialty Systems, Inc.; Darrell Auterson, President of NutriCore NorthEast; Congressman Todd Platts; Alan Cotich, NutriCore NorthEast Project Coordinator; and Robert Lukas, Chairman & CEO of Lukas Confections

Products Photo – Pennsylvania produced products provided by The Classic Caramel Company, The Hershey Company, Martin's Potato Chips, Turkey Hill Dairy, and Wolfgang Chocolate Co.

