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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3435

My name is Lorreina Guyett, I am a constituent in 97206. I am reaching out to express my strong support of House Bill 3435, School Meals for all, which would ensure that every Oregon kid has the food they need at school, regardless of where they live in the state or how much money their parents make.

I grew up in a low income family in Santa Ana, CA. Where bill collectors called us every week. I worried about a lot of things; my friends, my homework, my parents. But I never had to worry about going hungry at school. Every year my mom would sign me up for the free school lunch program and it was such a normal part of the school year that I didn't realize other people had to think about it they would have lunch. The trope of school bullies that stole lunch money was an unrelatable cliché to me, because our lunch program was so easy. I personally benefited from these programs until I was in Highschool and, looking back, I can't express how helpful it was to never have to think twice about my lunch or being hungry to the last half of the day. I believe every child deserves to learn without hunger or shame and I hope that every child can have the experience that I had of never needing to worry at all.

Thank you