

School Meals for All (SB 1581)

To Senate Committee on Education,

I experienced food insecurity even though I was working. Some weeks, there wasn't enough money left for groceries after paying bills. At one point, my family ran out of food before the end of the month. We relied on cheap food that didn't keep us full for long. That experience changed how I think about stability and security. Hunger is not a personal failure; it's a reality too many people face. The constant stress and worry were just as hard as the hunger. No family should have to live this way. I am very grateful for what the school pantry offers. I wouldn't know how my family and I would survive without you.

Thank you,

Student from Ontario, Oregon