

## School Meals for All (SB 1581)

To Senate Committee on Education,

As a student, I often went to class hungry. I didn't talk about it because I didn't want to be judged. Hunger made me feel invisible and alone. Growing up in a family of nine, we struggled with food, and there was never enough for everyone to eat. I learned to save my school breakfast bar or fruit and hide it in my backpack to take home. No child should have to rely on school food just to make it through the day. Stories like mine show why access to food support for families is not optional, it's necessary.

Thank you,

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