

School Meals for All (SB 1581)

To Senate Committee on Education,

Throughout my years in school my family had struggled to have food on the table. While my parents worked most days, food that was bought was something cheap that could be made on a single burner and a pot. My siblings and I would wake up and head to school early each day just to have enough time for breakfast, as we never had enough to buy anything else besides a quick easy dinner. We would often save our breakfast and some of our lunch snacks that would last us for the weekend. When the schools started providing lunches in the summer we would distribute food to last the whole day, even share if another was still hungry. It was a relief knowing that food was provided that way we would be able to eat. Kids shouldn't have to live a life knowing when their next meal will be and if they have enough for the week. **Food supports aren't just for kids to enjoy a meal, it helps them survive.**

Access to food support is a necessity to help families.

Thank you,

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