

Support for School Meals for All (SB 1581)

Dear Chair Frederick, Vice Chair Weber, and members of the Senate Education Committee,

Having free lunches when I was in school had many benefits, and I'm very grateful I was able to receive that during my entire academic experience, from K-12. Making sure I was well fed starting from breakfast & through lunch, helped me be able to focus more on my schoolwork and what was going on in the classes I attended. It provided the energy I needed throughout the day. Having free lunches also helped my home life as well. I was raised in a household with a single mother, so having free meals at school reduced the financial burden on our household. It was something that my household was always grateful for, and if it benefited me in my situation, then I know it has a positive impact on other students that are in a similar situation as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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