

## **Support for School Meals for All (SB 1581)**

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

Growing up I was very lucky to be accepted into a lunch helping program. My good friend wasn't as lucky. I would notice she will show up to class hungry even though lunch just passed. My friends and I made it a daily thing to sneak food, buy or share food with her. Not everyone is lucky to be surrounded by a good supported system. Providing free food programs can lower stress among youth and also for families that sacrifice everything for their families.

Thank you for your time,  
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