

## **Testimony In Support of HB 1491**

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Chair Heinert and Members of the Education Committee,

**Please vote "Do Pass" on HB 1491** to ensure that all children are fed during the school day. Kids need nourishment in order to do well in school, but we all know that too many come from families with food insecurity. Yes, these families can currently apply for free or reduced lunch each year, but that puts an unnecessary (in my opinion) burden on families that are already struggling and punishes children whose parents or guardians did not or could not fill out the paperwork for whatever reason. By providing ALL kids with free lunch, no one is singled out because they can't afford to pay.

Thank you for your consideration.