

Written testimony in support of HB1491 to provide grants for schools for lunch for students.

As a member of the West Fargo, North Dakota, community I am in favor of a bill that would allow students to eat lunch without charge. I am a board member of a non-profit that assists schools to feed children that are hungry and cannot afford school lunch and/or food for their families at home. The food shortage and hunger issues in our communities is growing. If a school grant for school lunches can provide a meal to a hungry student to contribute to their ability to learn and thrive, I am in favor. I have also been a foster parent and saw first-hand the negative behaviors and struggles children face when they are hungry. Food is a necessity that should be provided at school, not optional.

Thank you

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