

Chairperson Heinert and members of House Education Committee:

My name is Grant Syverson, I am a pediatric rheumatologist in Fargo and the legislative advocacy liaison for the North Dakota Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

I am writing today on behalf of the pediatricians of North Dakota in support of HB 1491. As pediatricians we know the impact of good nutrition on the health and well-being of children. Hungry children have difficulty learning. In North Dakota and around the country many families experience food insecurity and school breakfast and lunch help to bridge this gap.

Providing school meals is one of the best investments for our children and is the right thing to do.

Thank you for your time,

Dr. Grant Syverson