

*Chairperson, Representative Owens and Members of the Committee,*

*Hello, my name is Alakiir Nhial. I am a parent and I live in West Fargo. I am in favor of HB 1413. Students qualify for a reduced or free lunch but under this bill, all students Public School should qualify for Lunch. My family and other families are struggling paying Bills and our children's school lunch.*

*Family's can struggle at times to pay for lunch because extras only cost, If you have ever gone without food, you understand it affects the students performance and behavior in School. For some kids the only food they get is at School.*

*I can tell you that having 5 kids or more is a struggle to pay our kids extra for Lunch, We urge you to help our kids with the 1 nutritious Meal they need. There is no better way to help the next generation than give them food to eat. A student does their best when they have eaten*

*Food can be thrown away because the student had grabbed it and had a negative balance in their account to eat, imagine how embarrassed it would have been for the student. It can happen to one of us too, like if we have debts. I am asking to DO PASS for HB 1413. Our kids are our legacy. Thank you!*

*Alakiir Nhial  
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