



Chairman Schaible and Senate Education Committee,

I am Amanda Ihmels, a Registered Dietitian residing in Bismarck and the current president of the North Dakota Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (NDAND). NDAND represents approximately 250 Registered Dietitians in the state and several of those working in school nutrition.

I am writing in support of bill 1413. NDAND supports studying the impact of providing meals to public school students. We feel that investigating the possibility of providing reduced cost or free meals to some or all students would benefit the community. Schools with healthy meals provide a broad range of benefits to the students and schools. This [link](#) is for 10 Key Findings on the Impact of School Nutrition Programs.

We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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