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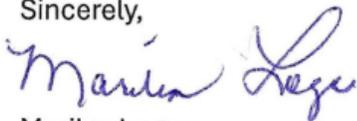
Chair Erickson and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to this bill. I am a Kansas resident, and I am concerned that this proposal would create new barriers to free school meals and make it harder for schools to keep kids fed. School meals help students show up ready to learn, support working families, and reduce hunger in our communities.

As a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, I recognize the need for healthy nutritious meals for children. Without these meals, our children cannot survive and thrive in the school setting. Only when our children are well fed can they have the stamina to learn and achieve in classrooms. Without a strong base of learning, they cannot continue to thrive through the years to become educated, well-rounded, and strong individuals. These children are our future, and we need to feed not only their minds in the classrooms but their stomachs so they can achieve their full potential to become the best adults that they can be.

This bill would require additional income verification and limit schools' ability to use the Community Eligibility Provision. These changes add unnecessary paperwork, increase stigma for students, and shift focus away from education and toward bureaucracy. Schools already follow federal rules to determine eligibility, and the Community Eligibility Provision has been shown to work by reducing red tape while ensuring kids have access to nutritious meals. Decisions about how to feed students should be left to schools and communities, not require additional legislative approval. Kansas should be focused on protecting access to school meals and maximizing federal nutrition dollars that support our children and local economies. I respectfully urge you to oppose this bill and protect school meals for Kansas students. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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