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As Board Chair of Rogue Valley Farm to School, I am writing on behalf of our small non profit and the entire Farm to School Program to emphasize how vital the School Meals for All program is to our students. We are able to see the issue of food insecurity in action as we work with at least 17% undernourished children in the Jackson County schools. We are on site to provide nutrition education and school gardens which don't do the students any good if they do not have access to free meals when their families cannot fully provide!

On behalf of our non profit and the families we serve, I am strongly opposed to any changes in the Community Eligibility Provision in the Reconciliation Bill. With these proposed changes the number of authorized free meals will drop drastically impacting a large percentage of student learners whose nutrition is a key component of their learning and development.

Thank you for considering my testimony!

Katherine Roselli, Rogue Valley Farm to School Board Chair