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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Education

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3435

Representative Neron and Members of the Committee,

My name is Maureen Hinman and I am the Executive Director of the Oregon School-Based Health Alliance. I am writing to urge your support of HB 3435, a bill that expands free breakfast and lunch to every public school student in Oregon.

Our organization works with school-based health centers and we also speak directly with youth in communities across the State to understand their school health concerns. Food insecurity is a consistent topic that arises, as is the quality of school meals, and the short amount of time that students have to eat their lunch. This bill addresses all of those issues by ensuring that all kids have access to breakfast and lunch, and by creating grants that will increase scratch-cooked meals and decrease wait times in cafeterias.

Please vote aye on HB 3435 so that kids can enter the classroom with a nutritious meal and the energy to learn.

Thank you,  
Maureen Hinman