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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3201

My name is Aimee Tenbrook, and I am a parent, community member, advocate for children's education, and representative of UCAN Head Start

I'm writing in support of HB 3201, which would not simply increase access to healthy food through CACFP, it would do so for the youngest children in our state. We need you to step up for kids, since one out of six children in Oregon experience food insecurity. We can and should work harder to make sure kids have sufficient access to healthy food. It will benefit our kids and, one day, our whole community. CACFP is proven to promote healthy nutrition, enhance the quality of childcare, and stabilize childcare providers' income.

I support this bill because I have seen the direct impact that having healthy food for children can do. Child learn best when their brains are fed; children's needs are met, through having access to food, and can thus focus on learning and growing.

Also, like any mom, I want children to be well cared for wherever they are. Let's put kids first. Choose Children. Change the World. Let's start with Oregon. Let's start with this bill. I urge you to vote yes on HB 3201.

Thank you,  
Aimee Tenbrook