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On Behalf Of:

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Chair Hartman, Vice-Chairs Nguyen and Scharf, and members of the Committee: My name is Shawnté Hines, and I am a parent. I am writing in support of HB 3201, which would increase access to culturally relevant healthy food for kiddos in childcare. Since my daughter was 11 months old, she has been in childcare so I, her primary parent, can work to provide a life for us. Dropping her off each day knowing that she is provided with nutritious food for each meal she is away from me, not only serves to nourish her and help her grow, but it also takes one thing off of my plate and provides a sense of security in knowing she is being well taken care of. My hope is that all children being cared for away from their homes would be afforded this basic need for culturally relevant healthy foods in order to thrive.