

Chris O'Brien

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Subject: In Support of "Healthy School Meals for All Children Bill" (H7793)

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Dear Mr. O'Brien,

My name is Rev. Aidan Kelley and I am the pastor of Woodridge Congregational Church in Cranston, RI. I am writing to express my support of RI House Bill H7793. My faith teaches me that we are called to care for one another as the beloved children of God. Throughout scripture, it is clear that God desires us to care especially for the most vulnerable and at risk in our communities. Ensuring that all children in our state have access to healthy school meals is an essential component of the care we can show for the children and families in Rhode Island. Providing universal free breakfast and lunch helps fill gaps in food insecurity for children and families in our state and contributes to positive educational outcomes. This bill will help establish a holistic educational system that cares for the whole child and supports families who struggle to put enough food on the table.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Pastor Aidan Kelley

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