

Dear members of the House Finance Committee,

My name is Aliah, I am a student at Mount Pleasant High School and a youth at Young Voices, an afterschool program in Providence, RI. I am here today in strong support of bill H7793 which would establish a statewide “healthy school meals for all” program for Rhode Island. It would phase in over 3 years and more school meals will be available by maximizing access to federal funds.

The bill is really important to me because as a youth, I see everyday people of my age struggle with food and having a good diet. This relies directly on our environment. We spend most of our time in school and we’re not having a proper meal. Eating a slice of pizza as a meal, 5 days a week, is not healthy. Students refusing to eat the greasy food that school offers because it's the same thing everyday is not healthy.

We need to pass this bill because the new generation needs proper education in diet and having a health class but then having this food at school everyday is contradicting.

So please vote in favor of H7793 for the new generation of adults to be as healthy as they deserve.

Thank you for your time

Aliah