

Dear members of the House Finance Committee,

My name is Krissia Diaz Ramirez, I am a 10th grader at Classical High School and a youth at Young Voices, an afterschool program in Providence, RI. I am here today in support of H7793 which would ensure proper meals for all students regardless of class, increase the healthiness of meals, and lower the cost towards the state in funding school meals

The bill is really important to me because I eat school food every day from breakfast to lunch. Many students rely on school meals for nutrients and proper meals. It will help with food insecurity, which is a larger issue, and will improve student lives.

We need to pass this bill because in 2024, 40% of RI households with children were food insecure. Healthy school meals correlate with better test scores. Children consumes 1/3 - 1/2 of their daily calories during their school day

Voting for this bill will enhance the lives and health of all students. I urge you to pass H7793.

Thank you for your time and attention today.

Krissia