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From: A. David Larson, East Providence, RI - Hearts for Social Justice
To: RI Senate Finance Committee

Subject: **Support for House Bill S2083** - Healthy School Meals for All

Dear Chair DiPalma and Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

I am writing in support of Senate Bill S2083 which would provide Healthy School Meals for All. I recognize there are significant challenges in managing the state budget. Many families in Rhode Island are facing the same (or even more dire) challenges at home. All of us should prioritize the health and wellness of our children. They are our future. Funding a welcoming and equitable education system, including removing any barrier of hunger, is a key to realizing the potential of our youth.

Thank you so much,
A. David Larson (East Providence)
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