

Testimony of Chase Connelly, Windham High School
LD 1679

Senator Daughtry, Representative Brennan and esteemed members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. My name is Chase Connelly. I am a JMG student at Windham High School. Today I am submitting a testimony in support of LD 1679. I want to thank the bill sponsors for your commitment to addressing childhood hunger in Maine.

I believe that lunch should be free for all students because there have been a lot of times when I didn't have enough money for something and 90% of the time the food they provide for free doesn't look edible or even safe to eat. I have gone many days without eating at school because I couldn't afford the good food. Another thing is that some kids feel lower than other kids because they have to get free lunch everyday. If lunch was free for everyone then it would be equal and no one would feel different. I've gotten free lunch since I was in 6th grade and it was hard for my mom sometimes because my dad wasn't around so she wasn't able to send me with money everyday while she was already struggling with bills at home. Getting free lunch helped my mom a lot and I think it would help all parents if the school provided free lunch to all students.

Thank you for your work and efforts.

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