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RE: SUPPORT LD 1679, An Act To Address Student Hunger through Expanding Access to Free School Meals

Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan, and other members of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs:

My family's children are all grown-up, so we no longer have any children in public schools.

I am assuming that the cost for access to free school meals will cost taxpayers, and I want you to know that the price associated with this bill is worth every single penny, with regard to the short- and long-term benefits it will provide.

My family will be happy to pay extra if it means we won't have to read any more stories about children in Maine's schools being shamed for nonpayment of lunch fees, if it means that hungry children will get breakfast and lunch. NO child in Maine should experience the effect of food insecurity. LD 1679 is one way to address that issue.

I am demanding that you unanimously vote "Ought To Pass" on LD 1679. Thank you.