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LEGISLATURE

1. LR 1679: An Act to Address Student Hunger through a Universal Free School Meals
Program Senate President Troy Jackson

THE POLICY: The State of Maine would contribute funding to cover the cost of paid students
in the School Breakfast and National School Lunch programs, so that all students in Maine
can access school meal programs without cost.

Testimony of Mya Freitas, Sanford High School JMG in Support of LD 1679 An Act
to Address Student Hunger Through Expanding Access to Free School Meals

Senator Daughtry, Representative Brannan and esteemed members of the Joint
Standing Committee of Education and Cultural Affairs. My name is Mya Freitas. I am
a resident of Sanford and a JMG student at Sanford High School.

Today, I am submitting testimony in support of LD1679. I want to thank the bill
sponsors for your commitment to addressing childhood hunger in Maine.

As I stated, my name is Mya Freitas I am 15 years old and I am a freshman in JMG at
Sanford High School. Today I would like to talk about if all kids should have free
lunches. I totally agree with this statement. Everyone should be able to get free lunch
because what happens is if it's the only food they get to eat all day? If they don't have
enough money, they don't get food and that's not fair.

Also it's just embarrassing. Imagine seeing everyone eating the same food and then
there's that one kid that doesn't get any food because he doesn't have enough money.
They have to pretend they're not hungry. It's horrible and embarrassing. Lunch can be
the worst part of the day for someone and this is just one example of why.

In closing, I totally agree with the statement that all kids should get free food. Food
helps us focus and we have other concerns to think about, like our grades and future
plans.

Thank you so much for helping my peers. Have a wonderful day.

Sincerely,

Mya Freitas
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