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General Comment

Hello Holly,

I am thankful for this opportunity to comment on this topic. I am currently a dietetic intern and studied nutrition and dietetics in my undergraduate degree. I have been working in a school district, specifically with the National School Lunch Program, and have seen how the waivers have impacted those in my district for good.

I am also writing to encourage this project. I did a large research study on the effect the waivers (and providing free meals) had on our students and community. While doing my research I ran into many roadblocks because I had no evidence of the impact the waivers had. While we know that the COVID-19 Pandemic brought financial difficulties to so many¹ it would be beneficial to know if these waivers helped the community significantly during that difficult time. This information will also be beneficial for the future. When other difficult times arise this information will help decision-makers know the best way to help aid those in need. I recognize the burden associated with this task. I believe the benefits outweigh the risks.

Thank you for your time,

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Attachments

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