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Mr. Tim Kreh
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Dear Mr. Kreh:

On behalf of the 50,000 members of the School Nutrition Association (SNA), we welcome this opportunity to provide comments on the *Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Food Programs Reporting System OMB Control Number 0584-0594* published in the *Federal Register* of October 5, 2022. This proposed collection is a revision intended to consolidate certain programmatic and financial data reporting requirements through the electronic Food Programs Reporting System (FPRS). Its objective is to give State Agencies and Indian Tribal Offices (ITOs) one portal for the various reporting required for the programs that they operate.

From the notice it appears that data currently collected through approved Office of Management and Budget (OMB) forms will be collected through the Food Programs Reporting System (FPRS). Hopefully the FPRS has been upgraded and the system has comparable modality and features that enhance the data collection process. A new system should be compatible with the various Internet browsers being used today, especially Google Chrome. It is recommended that the system include edit checks to assist in submitting accurate information, such as error messages or other notifications when a data field has been missed. In the consolidation process, the various FPRS reports, and corresponding data elements should be reviewed for current reporting and data analysis application.

While we understand the need for data collection and recognize that it is performed in different formats, the processes should be streamlined further in order to reduce the burden to State Agencies as well as school nutrition program administrators and operators. Noted in [USDA's Child Nutrition Burden Study Analysis Report](#) were several recommendations for FNS to consider to reduce burden especially in the reporting process. This report should be reviewed for application to the reporting process related to this collection.

Hopefully, this collection will reduce burden hours for these Agencies and others as well as streamline the reporting processes conducted by USDA offices. Our Association continues to appreciate the collaboration with the various divisions of USDA and FNS.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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