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Dear Ms. Ragland-Greene:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the notice published in the Federal Register of May 8, 2024, as a submission for OMB Review for the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) TITLE: FNS Quick Response Surveys (QRS), OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0584-0613. As stated in the register's SUMMARY OF COLLECTION: FNS is submitting a revision to this generic clearance to address changes to the information collection as previously approved. While this generic clearance allows the FNS to quickly collect and analyze specific information from state and local administrators of the Special Nutrition Programs (SNP), please keep in mind that school districts and State agencies remain challenged from lingering issues post the pandemic emergency.

While we support the value of data being used in overall decision-making and informing the agency, we are concerned with the burden being placed on school districts. The school districts have limited resources and personnel, so the burden of completing even a 'quick' survey impacts daily operations. As the number of large studies being conducted by USDA begins and the quick surveys that have been used, we would ask that these quick surveys be selective in administration and be evaluated as to whether they really need to be implemented. The Department should further review what queries and surveys could be further streamlined to minimize burdens to states and school districts.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

Sincerely,

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