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Dear Ms. Lane:

On behalf of the 50,000 members of the School Nutrition Association, we appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the notice, *Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request: Uniform Grant Application Package for Discretionary Grant Programs*, OMB Control Number: 0584-0512 published in the *Federal Register* of June 5, 2025. Our association membership includes school nutrition professionals serving K-12 schools, college level academic instructors/professors in related fields, state agency personnel administering Federal child nutrition programs and other related professionals.

The purpose of the Uniform Grant Application (UGA) Package for Discretionary Grant Programs is to provide a standardized format for the development of all Requests for Applications for discretionary grant programs released by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Agency and to allow for a more expeditious OMB clearance process. This revision also addresses additional information to be collected for some grant programs as supplemental information beyond the UGA.

While understanding that as stated in a previous notice on discretionary grants, the UGA application package '...allows for a more expeditious OMB clearance process', it is beneficial that this notice clarifies the process of submitting discretionary grants and the steps involved for the different types of grants. This should provide consistency in the process and streamline the grant package preparation. We are supportive of process changes that streamline the administrative activities and reduce burden on state agencies as well as other school nutrition programs. We continue to recognize that the Department looks to make changes to minimize burdens and maintain integrity.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer