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Ms. Andrea Farmer  
Community Meals Branch  
Food and Nutrition Service  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
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Dear Ms. Farmer:

The School Nutrition Association (SNA), and its 57,000 members, appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Food and Nutrition Service's (FNS) *Federal Register* notice of August 7, 2018, *Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Comment Request-Summer Food Service Locations for State Agencies*. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) has become a noteworthy part of the school meals program operations.

Through consultation with our State Agency Council, we look to provide FNS with constructive and valuable comments. The data collection for the SFSP as FNS has been conducting has been rather cumbersome and inconsistent across Regional Offices (RO). While well-intended in the inquiries, the RO's are looking for an update of sites every Friday by noon in the summer months; thereby, creating a burden to State Agencies that are in the middle of conducting summer reviews, providing technical assistance to sponsors and addressing issues of the short operational time of the SFSP. The requests are in different data collection formats and may have a few data elements that are found in separate state reports that State Agencies utilize and must be reformatted for the RO inquiry.

By standardizing the data collection into your Form FNS-905, State Agencies will be able to use a standardized reporting and comply with the one-time annual report. FNS should look to link the national database to the many state-based innovative outreach websites that will help individuals find resources in their local areas where they need services.

Thank you again for the opportunity to respond. Please feel free to reach out to SNA if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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President

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