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Mr. Kiley Larson
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U.S. Department of Agriculture
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Room 506
Alexandria, VA 22302

Dear Mr. Larson:

On behalf of the 58,000 members of the School Nutrition Association, we welcome this opportunity to provide comment on the Food and Nutrition Services’ (FNS) Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Food Distribution Programs published in the Federal Register of July 12, 2019. The USDA Foods Program is a valuable resource for child nutrition programs.

As stated in the Federal Register the data collection, “is a renewal of the information collection under the burden number 0584–0293. There are no changes in our burden estimates. Adjustments have been made to the total number of respondents to accurately capture the total number of unique respondents.” While we understand the need for data collection and recognize that it is done in different formats, we would like to see the process streamlined to reduce the burden to program administrators and operators. Noted in USDA’s Child Nutrition Burden Study Analysis Report were several recommendations for FNS to consider to reduce administrative burdens especially in the reporting process. This report should be reviewed for application to the reporting process related to this collection.

Our Association continues to appreciate the collaboration with the various divisions of USDA and FNS.

Sincerely,

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