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Mr. Erik Helm  
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
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Dear Mr. Helm:

On behalf of more than 55,000 members of the School Nutrition Association (SNA), we appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Environmental Protection Agency’s National Primary Drinking Water Regulations: Proposed Lead and Copper Rule Revisions Request for Comment Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OW–2017–0300 published in the Federal Register of November 13, 2019. This notice requests comments on the proposed rule including new requirements for community water systems to conduct lead in drinking water testing and public education in schools and childcare facilities.

This proposal revises requirements for cities and towns to conduct water testing to ensure that children and households have safe drinking water. As we represent members of the school nutrition community, we recognize the importance of this, especially, as the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 addressed potable water availability in school meal service programs. The proposed rule notes reporting requirements and public education for schools and childcare facilities. Water sample collection activities and reporting requirements related to schools should be coordinated throughout the local educational agency (LEA) including school meal locations. Public education activities should be coordinated throughout an LEA as well.

Our association continues to look at the many facets of school meal programs to provide a healthy and safe environment for nourishing our nation’s students. Thank you again for the opportunity to respond.

Sincerely,

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