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Mr. Tim Kreh  
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U.S. Department of Agriculture  
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Dear Mr. Kreh:

On behalf of the 58,000 members of the School Nutrition Association (SNA), we welcome this opportunity to provide comment on the Food and Nutrition Services' (FNS) *Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Food Programs Reporting System (FPRS)* published in the *Federal Register* on July 30, 2019.

As stated in the *Federal Register*, this proposed collection is a revision to the existing reporting done using FPRS. It further states that this revision is a consolidation of certain programmatic and financial data reporting requirements that are currently approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), under the FPRS, an electronic reporting system. The purpose is to give States and Indian Tribal Office (ITO) Agencies one portal for the various reporting required for the programs that the States and ITOs operate. Hopefully, this will reduce burden hours for these agencies and streamline the reporting processes conducted by USDA offices. In the consolidation process, the various FPRS reports and corresponding data elements should be reviewed for current reporting and data analysis application.

While we understand the need for data collection and recognize that it is done in different formats, we would like to see the processes be streamlined further and reduce the burden to State Agencies as well as school nutrition program administrators and operators. Noted in [USDA's Child Nutrition Burden Study Analysis Report](#) were several recommendations for FNS to consider to reduce burden. As such, this report should be reviewed for application to the reporting process related to this collection.

SNA continues to appreciate the collaboration with the various divisions of USDA and FNS and is willing to assist in any way to identify ways to streamline reporting processes.

Sincerely,

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