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To North Carolina Senators and Legislators:

I am writing to you with great concern for SB 389 -moving Child Nutrition from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction to the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. As a longtime member of the School Nutrition Association, I am disappointed that our elected officials in SNA have given you the impression that the members of this association would support such a move without first asking us. The Child Nutrition staff, my school board chairman, and my Superintendent, were all unaware of this move.

Our program works in partnership with school administrators and staff who are administered by NCDPI and adhere to the policies of the State Board of Education. Over the next few years, our program is expected to undergo more radical changes than we have experienced in my 28 years in Child Nutrition. It is going to be more important than ever that we have the support of our school administrators and the State Board of Education to implement program changes. This is not the time for our program to be separated from education. NCDPI has provided excellent leadership and program oversight. The education opportunities and technology services that are provided to district personnel exceed expectations. I respectfully urge you to reconsider this action and to take the time to study the impact of such a move on local Child Nutrition programs that depend heavily on the support of their local administrators and school boards for their success.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Robin Taylor
Child Nutrition Director