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Dear Mr. Shannon,

I am writing this letter to you in support of the new school meal standards as established by Congress in the child reauthorization bill passed in 2010. The new meal standards address the issue of obesity and poor nutrition by increasing the availability of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lower fat in school meals. They also reduce the levels of sodium, saturated fats and trans fat in meals; and meet the nutrition needs of school children within their calorie requirements.

These are all positive changes that are based on recommendations made by the Institute of Medicine and numerous nutrition and public health experts. These changes bring school meals in line with the nation's dietary guidelines. Our children will benefit from the increased nutritional content of the school meals and I strongly support the new school meals standards.

Sincerely,

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