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My name is Josh Kruk and I live in Shelburne. I am a member of the Board of Directors of Hunger Free Vermont and am writing to support funding for Vermont Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) sponsor organizations.

Please appropriate \$182,000 in FY2027 as an incentive to CACFP Sponsor Organizations to maximize federal funding available for food in Family Child Care Homes.

I believe CACFP presents an effective and equitable way for children in early childhood education settings to access the developmentally appropriate nutrition they need for optimum learning. From a cost / benefit standpoint, this investment represents good value in that it should provide capacity for many more children to leverage the benefits.

To be eligible for CACFP, a Family Child Care Home must have a sponsor organization. These sponsor organizations act as 'fiscal intermediary' for funds between the state agency and the sponsored family child care homes. Providing this small amount of funding will maximize federal funding for meals and snacks at Family Child Care Homes.

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Thank you very much for your consideration.