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Dear Ms. Brown and Desk Officer:

On behalf of the 57,000 members of the School Nutrition Association (SNA), thank you for the opportunity to comment on the *Collection of Contact Information of Schools that Participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and Organizations that Participate in the USDA's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)*, published in the *Federal Register* on July 30, 2018. The data collection is to gather contact and other information on a voluntary basis from schools and organizations that participate in the NSLP and CACFP to enter these schools and organizations into the team nutrition database.

As SNA indicated in previous comments submitted on January 2, 2018 (see attachment), SNA members want to ensure that USDA's collection process to reach eligible schools, organizations and school nutrition professionals is comprehensive and thorough. To that end, SNA would recommend that the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) contact the State Agencies (SA) to obtain comprehensive lists. Working through SAs which already have all the contact information is a much more efficient data collection process and reduces the data collection burden on schools and other organizations. Contacting SAs annually, coordinated with the program approval process, would capture most programs while still allowing for voluntary signups. Additionally, FNS should be flexible in the data formats that it will accept from the states. This could effectively eliminate an additional burden on SAs.

SNA appreciate FNS's efforts to streamline the programs and eliminate redundancy in data information collection and looks forward to continued collaboration with the Department on this and other efforts.

Sincerely,

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