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ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

Dear Ms. Brown and OMB Officer:

On behalf of the members of the School Nutrition Association (SNA) and its 50,000 members, we appreciate the opportunity to comment on the *Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request related to the Food and Nutrition Service School Food Purchase Study IV (SFPS-IV), OMB Control Number: 0584-0471* published in the Federal Register on December 17, 2020.

In a previous Federal Register publication, our Association submitted comments on the study in July, 2020. A copy of those comments is submitted along with this submission.

While addressing compliance with nutrition standards of the child nutrition programs, School Food Authorities (SFA's) have struggled with the food supply chain, in particular the availability of foods during the current pandemic emergency. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) researchers should include study questions to fully understand the challenges that SFAs are facing and how they are addressing in providing needed nutrition and meals to households throughout our communities. In addition, it would be helpful if the final report could provide useful suggestions on successful purchasing techniques to help SFAs better navigate the next national emergency.

Our previous comments remain current and it is our hope, considering the continuing pandemic emergency, that FNS will create minimal disruption with program operators during this information collection effort.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: SNA Purchase Study Comment July 2020