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Dear Ms. Brown:

On behalf of the 50,000 members of the School Nutrition Association (SNA), thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Federal Register notice of September 16, 2021, *Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request, Team Nutrition Database, OMB Number: 0584-0642*. The data collection is to gather contact information of child nutrition professionals in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and Child Care Food Program (CACFP).

While many of our members use the Team Nutrition resources in addition to those resources developed by the Association, the awareness of the resources and what assistance they could provide to operators needs to be reviewed so that maximum use can be attained. The resources should be open to all NSLP operators. As this is the extension of the data collection, the methodology of notification and promotion should be assessed to maximize the reach of the materials. As many of the materials and notices of availability have been delivered electronically, some program operators received a considerable amount of electronic mail that is delivered to mailboxes that are not their primary address, or not monitored. SNA recommends that there be a review of how program operators access your resources to maximize the response rate.

We hope your process to gather contact information for schools and organizations will be comprehensive and thorough to reach all the various organizations and related professionals. Many of our members use Team Nutrition resources to promote school meals and the importance of healthy nutrition habits. While Team Nutrition has provided some resources, programs across the country would benefit from expanded funds to conduct nutrition education in a broader landscape in addition to Team Nutrition.

We look forward to continued cooperation and collaboration with the Department.

Sincerely,

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