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Dear Ms. Brown:

On behalf of the members of the School Nutrition Association, we appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Federal Register Notice of June 26, 2017, *Submission for OMB review; Comment Request*. This comment request is related to the Access, Participation, Eligibility and Certification (APEC) III Study that USDA plans to conduct on the National School Lunch Program.

Due to the complexity and impact of this study, we would like to submit the attached comment letter we submitted as part of the Federal Register Notice published in the August 10, 2016 register requesting comments on the APEC III Study. It is a study that has been conducted several times, yet has struggled to reflect the full breadth of the operational and administrative burdens to operate a school meal program in the educational setting.

SNA appreciates the opportunity to offer these comments on this and future USDA data collection activities and is more than willing to work with FNS in any way to help promote and facilitate data collection.

Sincerely,

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President

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Attachment