**SAMPLE SUPPORT LETTER 348 (Skinner) – Healthy Meals for Children**

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[DATE]

The Honorable [Senator/Assemblymember First Name Last Name], Chair

Senate/Assembly Committee Name

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Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Senate Bill 348 (Skinner), Healthy Meals for Children – (SUPPORT)**

Dear Chair Portantino:

On behalf of [Organization’s name], I am writing in **SUPPORT** of **Senate Bill (SB) 348– Healthy Meals for Children.** SB 348 will make sure that public school pupils who are served free meals through California’s new universal meal program are served meals meet sugar standards recommended by leading child health experts and that children have adequate time to eat. Additionally, SB 348, will require the state to maximize newly available federal Summer EBT child nutrition benefits and build upon the federal program to further prevent childhood hunger during the summer.

[Include a paragraph about your organization specific knowledge of need for this bill]

SB 348 will improve nutrition of children by:

* Limiting the amount of sugar and salt that can be served in a school meal.
* Requiring CDE to issue guidance to ensure children have adequate time to eat a school meal.
* Improving the ability of schools to meet the universal school meal mandate on a half-day.
* Allowing for a second entre to be served to children when nutritionally appropriate.
* Maximizing the new federal summer childhood nutrition programs and requiring additional investments to boost their impact.

SB 348 will build upon California’s unprecedented investments in child nutrition by improving the meal quality of food prepared at our public schools and reducing the chance of summer hunger. It is for these reasons, [Name of Organization] is pleased to **SUPPORT** SB 348.

Sincerely,

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