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The Honorable Jackie Goldberg  
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State Capitol, Room 2003  
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Dear Assembly Member Goldberg:

The (***Insert name of your organization***) strongly supports Assembly Bill 2200, and we urge the Education Committee to do the same. Authored by Assembly Member Hancock, AB 2200: Feeding Hungry Minds in Schools would require all public schools to serve breakfast through the School Breakfast Program.

This bill aims to mitigate hunger, improve academic performance, and improve health status, including obesity prevention. According to data from USDA, over 2 million children in California experience food insecurity, with one half million children experiencing the physical pains of hunger. The School Breakfast Program can help mitigate hunger in children. Research also confirms that a nutritious breakfast improves children's academic performance. In addition, breakfast plays a prominent role in limiting overweight and obesity among children and teenagers.

Currently 25 states mandate a variation of the School Breakfast Program. Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Vermont, and West Virginia require school breakfast in all public schools, while Florida and New York require school breakfast in all public elementary schools. Educators, parents, and politicians in these states realize the importance of good nutrition for educational success and see mandating school breakfast programs as a key to achieving academic goals. The (***Insert name of your organization***) urge the Education Committee to aid California's school children's overall success by supporting AB 2200.

Sincerely,