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Senate Ways & Means Committee Members  
Washington State Legislature  
Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Members,

I am writing on behalf of the statewide [Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition](http://www.copcwa.org) where we are always on the lookout for policy solutions that make the healthy choice easier for our children and all WA citizens. We are in support of **SSB 5437**, *Breakfast After the Bell*.

We need **all** sectors of our society to engage in building healthier communities, and our education sector is no exception. We now know that healthy kids learn better; and good health starts with a nutritious breakfast. This bill is especially important because of its focus on highest needs schools. While the obesity crisis impact kids across all demographic and economic categories, it is especially pronounced in minority communities. Simply put, this bill provides kids nutritious food where it is needed most.

Let's give our kids the best possible start to the day. **SSB 5437** is not just about food, this is a smart investment in our future generation; we strongly urge your support. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Victor Colman'.

Victor Colman, Director  
Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition

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