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Senate Early Learning & K-12 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 look for opportunities to make the healthy choices easier for our children and all of our community members. We are in strong support of **HB 2311**.

Today, about 1 in 5 school-aged children is obese. Enabling physical activity in the school setting not only improves educational outcomes, but also teaches lifelong healthy habits that reduce the risk of chronic disease later in life. Sometimes, it can be the only sure opportunity children have for physical activity. However, there are equity and access issues for some of our students.

This bill takes on current inequities through a number of key provisions, including fee limitations and the PLAY Grant Program. **HB 2311** will enable greater access to physical activity that can yield benefits for improved health status as well as readiness to learn.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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

Victor Colman, Director
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Cc. Susan Mielke, Senior Coordinator/Counsel

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