**SAMPLE SUPPORT LETTER AB 2595 – Summer Caregiver Meals**

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The Honorable Buffy Wicks

Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee

1020 O Street, Suite 8220

Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Assembly Bill 2595 (L. Rivas), Summer Caregiver Meals Pilot – SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Wicks:

On behalf of [Organization’s name], I am writing in **SUPPORT of Assembly Bill 2595 (L. Rivas), Summer Caregiver Meals Pilot.** AB 2595 will create a pilot to ensure caregivers can sit down and have a meal with their children at summer meal sites by requiring the state to fund a caregiver meal option at public libraries.

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

Currently, the Summer Food Service Program mandates that only children and teens ages 18 and younger are eligible to receive free, reimbursable meals. But if children of a food insecure household are hungry, it is likely that the parents or caregivers are also facing hunger. In the summer, households experience an increase in grocery spending. Parents and caregivers from food insecure households who depend on free school meals for their children are more than likely unable to financially compensate for the lack of meals when their children are home.

AB 2595 will combat food insecurity, promote healthy child development, and provide families with opportunities to bond over a warm meal, by establishing a pilot for state reimbursement for federal summer meal program operators at public libraries to provide meals to parents and caregivers of children in the summer meal program.

AB 2595 will fight hunger during the summer so parents/caregivers and children can eat together during the summer meal program. It is for these reasons, [Name of Organization] is pleased to **SUPPORT** AB 2595.

Sincerely,

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