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Senator Robert Dole
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Dole,

I am writing to inform you of a problem in our community. It concerns me greatly that school aged children in Kansas City, Kansas are going hungry because they do not have the money, or the interested parents, or whatever to provide them a hot lunch. We need your help in securing hot lunches for school aged children in our city. As you know, Federal funds are available for this. We need them here to set up a program to organize and administer a hot lunch program.

It seems that it would be helpful to know why this has been so difficult to get here. Perhaps a public hearing would be useful. Please do what you can to arrange this public hearing in Kansas City, Kansas on the issue of a hot lunch program.

Thank you for your assistance. We need your help.

Sincerely,
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

November 27, 1970

Dear :

Thank you for your letter regarding the school lunch program in the Kansas City, Kansas schools.

The Department of Agriculture informs me that at the present time only 18 of the 62 public schools in Kansas City participate in the National School Lunch Program. Last school year the price of a Type A lunch in these schools was 40-45 cents in the elementary schools and 50 cents in the high schools. While these prices are high compared to the national average of 32 cents, even at 50 cents the Department feels that the Type A lunch is a nutritional bargain.

Families who feel that they are unable to pay the full price of the lunch can apply for free or reduced price lunches for their children. If they are eligible according to the Kansas City school district's approved free and reduced price lunch policy, their children will receive lunches free or at a reduced price not to exceed 20 cents.

The Department of Agriculture had hoped to start additional programs in Kansas City last school year, but, due to the lack of local funding, these programs were not opened. Participation in these Federal programs is strictly voluntary with the decision to participate resting upon the local school districts. We hope that with the cooperation of all concerned, Kansas City will begin to offer food service to all of its school children this year.

I have requested that the Senate Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs, of which I am a member, conduct public hearings in Kansas City regarding these problems.

Thank you very much for your interest in the child nutrition programs.

Sincerely yours,

BOB DOLE
United States Senate