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Please join me in cosponsoring the School Meals During School Closures Act, which will ensure that schools have the necessary federal flexibilities to continue serving meals to students during certain unanticipated closures.

Just last month, [Los Angeles public school staff, including bus drivers, custodians, and cafeteria workers, went on a three-day strike, resulting in closures that affected over 565,000 students](#). With the support staff on strike and teachers joining them, the district had to quickly find ways to provide food for the students, the majority of whom come from low-income families and rely on school meals for their daily nutrition. Thankfully, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) was able to receive the necessary federal flexibilities to allow Grab & Go meal kits across 24 locations in Los Angeles, and with the help of volunteers, students were able to receive three days' worth of meals.

More than 30 million students nationwide rely on free school breakfast and lunch for their daily meals, making it crucial that we take action to ensure they are not left hungry during future school closures. My bill allows the Secretary of Agriculture to waive any requirements under the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 or other regulations, permitting state or other eligible service providers to request a waiver to provide meals and meal supplements during certain school closures.

As we have seen with recent events, such as hurricanes in Florida, wildfires in California, emergency repairs to schools, or nationwide strikes, we must ensure that future school closures do not jeopardize access to school meals. The School Meals During School Closures Act will provide schools with the flexibility they need to continue providing meals to students during these disruptions, ensuring that no child goes hungry.

As a former nutrition educator and a Member of Congress, I believe that every student deserves access to healthy and nutritious meals, regardless of their circumstances. And as someone who believes in the power of organized labor and the right to strike, I also understand the importance of supporting workers and their families during these challenging times. This bill builds on the success of my previous legislation, the MEALS Act, which passed during the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring that similar flexibilities were available during school closures.

Please join me in co-sponsoring this important legislation. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Maria Martirosyan in my office at maria.martirosyan@mail.house.gov.

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