

June 27, 2017

Evangelical Lutheran Church  
in America—Domestic Mission Program Unit  
Attn: Ms. Johnnie Thompson, Sr. Administrative Assistant  
8765 W. Higgins Rd., CSM-9th Floor  
Chicago, IL 60631

Dear Ms. Thompson,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Spokane School District, I often encounter the effects of hunger and food insecurity among schoolchildren. It is known that children who face hunger and lack proper nutrition suffer from more health issues and are less able to focus in the classroom as a result.

That is why I am writing this letter to show my support for Second Harvest Inland Northwest's Bite2Go program. We at Spokane School District adamantly stand behind Second Harvest and we partner with this exceptionally beneficial program that ensures our students get proper nutrition during the weekend when they do not have access to their reliable subsidized school meals. A great number of Spokane schools have chosen to sponsor Bite2Go meal kits.

It is not uncommon for children to come to school expressing that they do not receive enough to eat at home and seeking help. Now with the Bite2Go program help is readily available and can be provided in a discreet manner.

Spokane School District is hopeful that the ELCA will choose to fund Second Harvest's request for \$3,000 on the Domestic Hunger Grant. As school staff, we have personally witnessed the relief this program brings to families and the joy it brings to children to have food for the weekend. We have noticed countless valuable changes in both the focus and attendance of our young students as a result of implementing this program into our school system.

Spokane School District is grateful for the opportunity to have our students benefit from Second Harvest's Bite2Go program. Please if you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me at *[Contact Information]*

Thank you,