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Amanda Purcell, MPH
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Dear Ms. Purcell:

I would like to recognize the role that your work, both the *2000 California High School Fast Food Survey* and *Food on the Run*, played in the formulation and passage of SB 19, my bill to establish nutritional standards for foods sold in California's public schools. These items served to alert and educate the public and legislature about the nutritional crisis in our schools.

The fast food report was the first and only report of its kind to detail the widespread availability of fast food in California's schools. The report provided facts to back up what many had suspected for years. The fast food report provided the initial information I needed to introduce legislation that would emphasize health and good food in our schools. Without the report and the widespread concern that it generated, it would have been more difficult to obtain passage of the bill.

The work of local *Food on the Run* programs also supported the changes for which I was calling. Teens working with *Food on the Run* demonstrated that they did want healthy food choices and that they could find ways to make these choices popular with their peers. *Food on the Run* gave teens, particularly low-income teens, a voice in this matter and instilled in them a foundation for a lifetime of healthy eating.

I strongly support the work you do to create school and community environments that encourage healthy eating and physical activity. Thank you for your commitment to young people and their health. I wish you every success in securing funds to continue this vital work in California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martha M. Escutia".

Martha M. Escutia
Senator, District 30

