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Dear Mr./Mrs./Ms./Miss [Last Name of MLA or Minister]:

As a constituent in **your riding**, I am writing with a time-related request for a meeting with you to discuss an issue I care deeply about, the importance of a Canada-wide school food program for children and youth across the country and in particular those in Nova Scotia.

Canada's Federal Budget 2022 includes a statement confirming the government's commitment to work with provinces over the next year to develop a National School Food Policy.

In [Nova Scotia one in four children live in households experiencing poverty](#), which results in decreased access to the foods they need to be healthy and reach their potential in the classroom and in life. School food programs are known to improve students' overall diets, mental and physical health, school performance, attendance, and social cohesion.

Myself and Nourish Nova Scotia, on behalf of the [Nova Scotia Advisory of the Coalition for Healthy School Food](#) are **seeking 30 minutes of your time, at your earliest convenience to discuss the next steps your government can take to make nutritious school meals for all students a reality.**

Thank you in advance for considering this critical issue. I look forward to hearing from you regarding a date and time to discuss these matters further.

Sincerely,

[Your First and Last Name]

[Your Address]