Appendix H. Comment from NASS

Evaluation of OMB Docket for FNS on

Evaluation of the Independent Review of Applications Process

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I reviewed the OMB Docket from FNS. The researchers seem adequately prepared for their analysis on the effectiveness of the independent review of the applications for the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. Their plans for sampling and minimizing nonresponse are good assuming, as they said in their documentation, that the people/groups to be sampled are likely to participate in the survey. They provided plenty of documentation on how they plan to ask participants the survey questions though the researchers did not provide any information on how they plan to analyze the data they are going to collect; admittedly I'm not sure if that is part of the OMB Docket review process.

Please pass along my comments and my hope that the survey goes well. Thanks!

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