To whom it may concern,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and I am a Family Studies qualified teacher in the province of Ontario. I am contacting you regarding Bill 216, the Food Literacy for Students Act. I recognise the value and importance of Food Literacy Education as a tool to promote food security across our communities. Moreover, I agree that food literacy "is critical for making healthy food choices that enable self-reliance and improve human health”. As such, I fully support the spirit of this bill.   
  
However, the bill ignores the fact that Food Literacy is already an integral part of the Family Studies Foods courses in the Ontario Curriculum. In fact, food literacy is taught explicitly in the four food and nutrition courses offered, one in each grade level in high school. While the curriculum could be updated to more explicitly cover some of the topics mentioned in the bill, I believe that any expansion of Food Literacy in the Ontario Curriculum should be developed, implemented and taught by qualified Family Studies teachers only.   
  
I strongly support this bill, but insist that it include mention that only qualified Family Studies teachers teach it. I hope that you will take this information into consideration with respect to this bill.   
  
Kind Regards,   
  
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