

December 1, 2014

The Honorable Jeff Fortenberry  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1514 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Fortenberry:

Thank you for your leadership in cosponsoring H.R. 5656, the Global Food Security Act of 2014, as amended and passed unanimously by the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Your bipartisan legislation will play a critical role in building congressional support to sustainably fighting hunger, malnutrition, and extreme poverty around the world.

The recent news from the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) that world hunger dropped by over 100 million in the last decade is proof of the progress that can be made with strong commitments from governments and food and nutrition security champions such as yourself. Despite these impressive gains, there are still 805 million chronically undernourished people in our world, with food insecurity and malnutrition remaining especially dire in sub-Saharan Africa, where one in four people experience food shortages.

We are encouraged that the legislation seeks to improve the livelihoods of the more than 500 million small-scale producers in the world, many of whom are women. The legislation's efforts to address maternal and child nutrition will help the U.S. achieve its goal to end preventable child deaths, almost half of which are caused by malnutrition.

We look forward to working with you to strengthen and pass H.R. 5656 to authorize Feed the Future, the critical U.S. government program for global food and nutrition security. In doing so, we can solidify U.S. leadership in fighting poverty, build and improve upon the vital work of the Feed the Future Initiative, and continue to leverage a whole-of-government approach to tackling global hunger and malnutrition.

Thank you, as always, for your extraordinary leadership on the issues of hunger and malnutrition.

Sincerely,

1. Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
2. ACDI/VOCA
3. ActionAid USA
4. Alliance to End Hunger
5. American Academy of Pediatrics
6. American Jewish World Service
7. Amref Health Africa
8. Association for International Agriculture and Rural Development
9. Association of Public and Land-grant Universities
10. Bread for the World
11. CARE USA
12. Cargill, Incorporated
13. Catholic Relief Services
14. ChildFund International
15. Church World Service
16. CMMB
17. Community for Zero Hunger
18. Conference of Major Superiors of Men
19. Congressional Hunger Center
20. Convoy of Hope
21. Counterpart International
22. Edesia
23. Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
24. Farm Journal Foundation
25. Food for the Hungry
26. Friends Committee on National Legislation
27. Global Communities
28. Global Harvest Initiative
29. Global Poverty Project
30. GrainPro Inc
31. Heartland Global, Inc
32. Heifer International
33. Helen Keller International
34. Humanitas Global
35. INMED Partnerships for Children
36. InterAction
37. International Medical Corps
38. IntraHealth International
39. Islamic Relief USA
40. Lutheran World Relief
41. Mercy-USA for Aid and Development
42. Mercy Corps
43. National Farmers Union
44. NCBA CLUSA
45. Nutrition and Education International
46. Office of Social Justice of the Christian Reformed Church
47. ONE
48. One Acre Fund
49. Oxfam America
50. PCI
51. Population Action International
52. Presbyterian Church (USA)
53. Relief International
54. Save the Children
55. Self Help Africa
56. Stop Hunger Now
57. The Borgen Project
58. The Hunger Project
59. The Six-Second Project
60. The United Methodist Church, General Board of Church and Society
61. United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries
62. Volunteers for Economic Growth Alliance (VEGA)
63. Water for South Sudan, Inc.
64. Women Thrive Worldwide
65. World Food Program USA
66. World Renew
67. World Vision