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The Honorable Bob Corker
Chairman
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Corker:

On behalf of InterAction, our 191 members, and the many other partners with which we work, I would like to express my sincerest thanks for your strong leadership to help pass the Global Food Security Act into law this Congress. I especially appreciate the effort you made to consult with all of the stakeholders interested in this important legislation.

As you know, the Global Food Security Act responds to the full spectrum of global food security needs. In addition to capturing and improving upon the successes that the U.S. government is already achieving through its Feed the Future Initiative, this legislation authorizes the continued use of the International Disaster Assistance (IDA) account to respond to emergency food needs with the Emergency Food Security Program. The bill also maintains IDA's existing flexibility to ensure the U.S. government can respond appropriately to the challenging and changing needs of vulnerable people affected by disasters. It strengthens our collective commitment to help developing countries grow their way out of poverty and overcome hunger and malnutrition by recognizing the important role of small-scale producers, women, and local food economies.

Globally, 795 million people are hungry and malnutrition causes nearly half of all deaths of children under 5 (3.1 million children) each year. Hunger and malnutrition prevent millions of people in developing countries from living healthy, productive lives and stunt the mental and physical development of future generations. The support this legislation received this Congress in both chambers is an exciting step forward in building the political will needed to end global hunger and malnutrition in our lifetime.

Thank you again for your extraordinary leadership on issues related to poverty-focused humanitarian and development assistance, and thanks as well to your hard-working staff, particularly Trey Hicks. We look forward to continuing to work with you to sustain U.S. investment in food and nutrition security.

Sincerely,

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