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The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan:

As U.S.-based non-profit and faith-based organizations working to end hunger, poverty, and malnutrition around the world, we thank you for your strong leadership to help move the Global Food Security Reauthorization Act. Without your consistent support and work, final passage of this crucial legislation might not have been possible.

The five-year reauthorization of the Global Food Security Act included in this bill demonstrates the political will necessary to end global hunger and malnutrition in our lifetime and solidifies the established program successes that have made the Global Food Security Strategy effective, efficient, and accountable to U.S. taxpayers.

While there is more work to be done, the programs codified into law with the Global Food Security Act have already had an impact. Over the last decade, Feed the Future programs have made remarkable progress against hunger, poverty, and malnutrition. In the areas where Feed the Future works, an estimated 23.4 million more people are living above the poverty line, 3.4 million more children are living free from stunting, and 5.2 million more families are not hungry.

Strategic investments in food security, agricultural research and development, and nutrition are the most effective ways to build resilience that reduces vulnerability to food shocks and stresses and addresses chronic poverty and hunger. Food security programs, like Feed the Future, provide safety nets for the most food insecure populations and improve nutrition globally. These smart, forward-looking investments allow people and communities the opportunities to reach their full potential. Passage of the Global Food Security Reauthorization Act ensures that this progress can continue for another five years.

Thank you again for your extraordinary leadership on issues related to poverty-focused humanitarian and development assistance, and for your continued efforts to engage the international NGO community in policy development.

Sincerely,

1,000 Days
Action Against Hunger
Alliance to End Hunger
Bread for the World

ACDI/VOCA
ADRA International
Association for International Agriculture and
Rural Development
CARE



Catholic Relief Services
Church World Service
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Feed the Children
Global Communities
Lutheran World Relief
Mercy-USA for Aid and Development
ONE
Oxfam America
Project C.U.R.E.
Rise Against Hunger
Save the Children
The Episcopal Church
UNICEF USA
World Concern
World Vision US

ChildFund International
Congressional Hunger Center
Farm Journal Foundation
Food for the Hungry
InterAction
Mercy Corps
NCBA CLUSA
One Acre Fund
Planet Aid, Inc.
Project Concern International (PCI)
RTI International
The Borgen Project
The Hunger Project
WaterAid
World Food Program USA
Zakat Foundation of America