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The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chair, Senate Committee on Appropriations
437 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Shelby
Ranking Member, Senate Committee on
Appropriations
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair, House Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member, House Committee on
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CC:

Hon. Chris Coons
Hon. Lindsey Graham
Hon. Barbara Lee
Hon. Hal Rogers

Dear Chairman Leahy, Chairwoman DeLauro, and Ranking Members Shelby and Granger,

The Alliance to End Hunger is a coalition of companies, nonprofits, universities, faith-based groups, and others dedicated to ending hunger in the United States and around the world. As organizations comprising the Alliance, we first want to thank you for your continued leadership and support for global food security and agricultural development. The United States continues to play a leading role in ensuring lives and livelihoods are improved the world over. One of the key mechanisms that the U.S. Government has been able to utilize to build this leadership is through the Global Food Security Strategy, also known as the Feed the Future Initiative. As the FY22 budget bills from the House and Senate come together through Conference, we urge you to adopt the House proposed funding for this initiative of \$1.1 billion, including \$150 million for agricultural research.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the world was already facing severe threats to food security – including violent conflict, political and economic upheaval, and climate-related shocks and long-term stresses. COVID-19 has made the global hunger problem even worse. According to the [2021 State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World report](#), as many as 161 million more people suffered from hunger in 2020 than in 2019, and the number of malnourished children could go up by 30 percent by next year.

The Global Food Security Strategy, or [Feed the Future](#), has built up the livelihoods of smallholder farmers and driven down hunger, malnutrition, and poverty rates across the globe. More than five million households have been alleviated from hunger, 23 million people have escaped poverty, and 3.4 million fewer children are stunted due to the initiative. The effectiveness of the Global Food Security Strategy is clear, and the program deserves a boost in funding to match the evolving complexities of hunger.

We, the undersigned organizations, thank you for your continued support of the Global Food Security Strategy, and we urge you to adopt the House funding number for the initiative. Thank

you for your leadership, and we look forward to our continued partnership with you on these issues.

Respectfully,

Alliance to End Hunger

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Business Council for Global Development, LLC

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Congressional Hunger Center

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Cultivating New Frontiers in Agriculture (CNFA)

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The Global FoodBanking Network

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The Hunger Project

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