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The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Chairman
Subcommittee on State, Foreign
Operations, and Related Programs
Senate Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate

The Honorable Brian Schatz
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on State, Foreign
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Dear Chairman Graham and Ranking Member Schatz,

On behalf of the Alliance to End Hunger, we thank you for your consistent and principled leadership on issues of international food and nutrition security. We're writing to emphasize our key priorities for the Senate to consider in FY2026 State & Foreign Operations appropriations as it develops its bill and engages in conference negotiations with House appropriators.

As you know, the world continues to face an unprecedented food crisis fueled by conflict and extreme weather. Children are suffering from severe, acute malnutrition (the most severe form of childhood malnutrition) in Gaza, Haiti, and Sudan, and this is a critical time to act to ensure these children survive. The State & Foreign Operations appropriations bill provides critical resources to address this crisis, but we have concerns with the Subcommittee's allocation for proven food security and nutrition interventions. We would also like for the Subcommittee to consider committing additional resources for interventions that support U.S. foreign policy and economic security initiatives.

The Alliance specifically requests that you provide sufficient funding for critical programs that save lives, protect livelihoods, and build resilience as you conference with the House on the FY26 State and Foreign Operations bill, including:

- \$172.5 million for the Global Health-Nutrition subaccount, the House funding level;
- \$960 million for the Global Food Security Strategy, including \$180 million for international agricultural research, which was the FY25 funding level;
- \$4.78 billion for International Disaster Assistance (IDA), which was the FY25 funding level. IDA was zeroed out and consolidated with the Migration and Refugee Assistance account in the House's bill. The House bill would fund the new combined account at \$5 billion (above the Administration's \$2.5 billion request), but

this would represent a significant reduction in resources allocated to disaster assistance. The two accounts combined in FY25 for over \$8.7 billion;

- \$54 million for the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), which was zeroed out in the President's budget, and not restored in the House bill.

We greatly appreciate the bipartisan support for addressing severe, acute child malnutrition globally, including the House's support for not less than 50% of nutrition funding being made available for the most cost-effective and evidence-based nutrition interventions known as the 'Power 4.' These interventions include breastfeeding support, prenatal vitamins, vitamin A supplementation, and Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF). We support the House's recommendation of \$300 million for life-saving American-made RUTF, and its recommendation for \$175 million for international agricultural research. To successfully combat malnutrition, we encourage you to commit additional resources to support the full spectrum of wasting treatment and prevention programming. This includes screening children for severe malnutrition and monitoring them post-treatment, providing prenatal vitamins to pregnant women, promoting breastfeeding, Vitamin A supplementation, and expanding access to all specialized nutrition products used to treat malnutrition.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and for your continued dedication to our shared goal of ending hunger and malnutrition around the world.

Sincerely,



Eric Mitchell

President

Alliance to End Hunger