

Sample Letter to Congress

[Date]

[Congressman's title and name]

[Oklahoma address or Washington DC address]

[Dear Representative _____] or [Dear Senator _____]

I am writing to ask you, as my representative in Congress, to continue to address childhood hunger here in the United States and across the world. *[Option: Insert your personal motivation for writing here.]* The COVID-19 pandemic has worsened the effects of hunger and poverty in the United States with a disproportionate impact on Black, Latino, and Native American families. Likewise, it is the marginalized and poor around the globe who have seen their conditions worsen.

The pandemic has exposed vulnerabilities in our safety net and food systems from farm to fork. We need action to address these vulnerabilities from producer to consumer. We need to support American families facing increasing food prices even as they fall further behind due to job losses and low wages. We need to help those who hunger in other countries that do not share our vast resources. Specifically, Congress should

- Make the expansion of the child tax credit in the American Rescue Plan permanent and available to all children regardless of immigration status *[Option: replace "regardless of immigration status" with "of U.S. citizens" if that is your preference.]* The CTC expansion will lift millions of children out of poverty, as well as help reduce hunger and narrow the racial wealth gap exacerbated by unemployment amid COVID-19.
- Increase global nutrition funding to \$300 million in the 2022 Foreign Operations and Related Agencies Appropriations Act so families do not have to leave their home countries to have food for their children.

To whom much is given, much is expected. My faith calls me to advocate on behalf of impacted people in my community and around the world. Let's work together to ensure U.S. policies help people move out of poverty and feed their families in the U.S. and around the world.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your address]

NOTE: address is required to determine you are a constituent.

[City, state ZIP]

[Your email address optional]