

The Honorable Gary Peters, USS  
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Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Peters,

As a person of faith, I believe that every person is created in the image of God and has inherent dignity. This means, in part, that everyone should have access to nutritious foods. Sadly, hunger is on the rise.

Hunger is not inevitable. It reflects our priorities and policy choices. Please, make ending hunger a top priority. I call on you to

- Restore, protect, and strengthen U.S. nutrition programs—including SNAP and WIC—that help families put food on the table; and
- fully fund and strengthen global food, health, and development programs that promote human flourishing and help keep America safe, strong, and prosperous.

St. Francis parish is serious about doing our part to reduce hunger. Many of our immigrant members have known firsthand the desperation that leads one to leave home and family and migrate elsewhere. Our St. Vincent Center is the largest food pantry in the City of Holland and works with other agencies to serve the needs of the community. Also, we parishioners contribute to several annual collections that direct funds to poor and hungry people.

Government must also do its part. Please keep in mind these words from a June 9, 2025 letter from the US Catholic Bishops and Catholic Relief Services to members of Congress:

“Catholics and the Catholic Church have a moral duty to respond to our neighbors in need, whether near or far. This work cannot be left to individuals and the Church alone. Catholic teaching has long asserted that governments must actively pursue the common good, not only for their own citizens, but for all members of our global family.”

Sincerely,

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