

May 15, 2015

The Honorable Fred Upton, MC  
2183 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Upton,

As a Catholic, I am convinced that every human life is precious, and I am confident that you share this conviction. Unfortunately, many lives in this world are lost or greatly diminished because of chronic hunger or malnutrition.

Thankfully, in the last quarter century, our world has made great progress in reducing chronic hunger. But there is still much work to be done, and the US must continue to take a leading role in the world's exodus from hunger.

Because women and young children are among the most vulnerable victims of hunger and malnutrition, we need to place special priority on maternal and child nutrition. Let us boldly redouble our efforts and work for the day when every mother and child has the chance to *survive and thrive*.

As Congress considers funding for next year, **I ask you to support at least \$230 million for international maternal and child nutrition programs** in the Department of State appropriations bill's foreign operations global health account.

Your constituent,  
Name

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