

May 20, 2018

The Honorable Debbie Stabenow
731 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Stabenow,

I am asking for your help in ensuring that our FY 2019 federal budget and related spending bills prioritize the alleviation of hunger.

The Catholic community in the Holland/Zeeland area is no stranger to the issue of hunger. Many of the people sitting in our pews know hunger firsthand, and many are beneficiaries of government assistance programs. Our community also includes many immigrants who came to the US seeking relief from extreme poverty.

St. Francis de Sales and Our Lady of the Lake parishes do their best to help meet the needs of our hungry brothers and sisters. Our St. Vincent de Paul Center assists hundreds of households with food and other basic needs each year. We have hosted a refugee family, too. To help those beyond our borders, we take up annual collections directed toward international development and relief assistance.

But we cannot end hunger alone. Hunger is everyone's business, and our federal government has an especially vital role to play. We need just laws that help struggling people obtain the resources and opportunities they need to live productive, healthy lives. **To that end, please work for a federal budget that invests in key domestic programs such as SNAP, WIC, school lunches, and the Earned Income Tax Credit and key international programs such as Feed the Future and the McGovern-Dole school-feeding program.**

Your job is to represent us in Congress. I'm counting on you to faithfully represent my deep concern for hungry people.

Your constituent,

Name:

Address: