

March 24, 2019

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

Dear Representative Upton,

As a person of faith, I understand that we—as individuals and as a society—have an obligation to work to end hunger. We cannot stand by idly while one out of every nine persons around the globe suffers from hunger. I am also thankful for programs that make dramatic, long-term reductions in hunger by targeting proper nutrition for small children and their mothers. These initiatives are a source of hope and must be scaled up for even greater progress.

So, I urge you to help pass legislation that expands our nation’s proven, cost-effective programs that reduce hunger around the world and to increase funding for such programs.

The Catholic community in the Holland/Zeeland area is active in addressing hunger. Our St. Vincent Center and our participation in Kids’ Food Basket provide food locally, and our support of Catholic Relief Services is one means of reaching out internationally.

We are also keenly aware that hunger leads to social instability, which in turn leads to extremism, war, and mass migration. St. Francis de Sales parish has many immigrant parishioners. They are a blessing to us, but we regret that some have left culture and family behind to escape desperate situations.

Our nation has a wealth of resources, and we must use some of those resources to take the lead in ending hunger. Our example will inspire other nations to also contribute to this vital cause.

Your constituent,

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