[Date]

Rep.

U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Sen.

U.S. Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator, / Dear Representative,

I urge you to protect and strengthen nutrition programs that help children reach their full potential.

Specifically, I ask you to:

* Fully fund the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and strengthen the program so that more eligible families are able to enroll and stay enrolled.
* Provide robust funding for global nutrition programs, so that we can reach millions of children with lifesaving assistance.

WIC serves almost 40 percent of all infants born in the United States. Participation in WIC is associated with reduced risk of premature birth, low birthweight, and infant mortality.

Globally, almost half of all deaths of children under 5 are attributable to malnutrition.

Genesis 1:27 reminds us that every person is created in God’s image, and we honor God when we love our neighbors, especially the most vulnerable among us. In the Gospels, Jesus opens his arms and welcomes children, saying “the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” (Matthew 19:14).

From both a fiscal and a moral standpoint, the investment in children is more than worth it.

[Add a sentence or two about why you care.]

Sincerely,

[Your name] [Your address]