**Sample Letter to Representative, International Nutrition**

[Date]

Rep. Darin LaHood, Peoria County

U.S. House of Representatives

1424 Longworth HOB

Washington, DC 20515

Phone: (202) 225-6201

Dear Representative LaHood,

End child malnutrition by increasing global nutrition funding to $200 million.

Almost half of all child deaths worldwide are caused by malnutrition. The children who survive remain at high risk of irreversible stunting, which affects their physical growth and development. For 149 million children under the age of 5, the majority in Central America, South Asia, and Sub-Saharan Africa, stunting is a life sentence.

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But more work needs to be done. This includes support for the USAID Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Strategy and increased efforts to scale up maternal and child nutrition.

Millions more women and children can be helped by nutrition programs with an increase in global nutrition funding by Congress in the State and Foreign Operations appropriations bill.

My faith calls me to have compassion and stand alongside women and children around the world. I urge you to affirm our nation's commitment to, and investment in, efforts to advance global nutrition by increasing global nutrition funding to $200 million.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]  
[Your Address]  
[City, State ZIP]

**Sample Letter to Senators, International Nutrition**

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Sen. Dick Durbin

U.S. Senate

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Washington, D.C. 20510

p: 202.224.2152

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For children, even brief periods of hunger carry consequences that may last a lifetime. Food insecure children are more likely to experience learning and academic difficulties, and poor general health. Child nutrition programs are an important safeguard against child hunger, yet too many children are left without the nutrition they need when they are out of school, especially in the summer months.

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Congress should also fund the Summer Electronic Benefit (EBT) pilot program at $50 million so more children can access nutritious food during the summer months. That would enable Summer EBT to continue its current operations and reach a total of 464,000 children.

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**Sample Letter to Senators, Domestic Nutrition**

[Date]

Sen. Tammy Duckworth

U.S. Senate

524 Hart Senate Office Building  
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Phone: (202) 224-2854

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