

WRITE TO CONGRESS

Ask Congress to Make Funding Decisions That Help End Hunger

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In 2018, we are raising our collective voice to ask Congress to **invest in and protect key programs that help improve the lives of men, women, and children facing hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world.** Information in the toolkit and the sample letter below will help you and your group write meaningful handwritten letters or personalized emails to your representative and senators in Congress. Your messages to Congress will push legislators to make funding decisions that can jump start and accelerate progress against hunger.

Writing a personal message is simple and should take only a few minutes. Follow these steps for an effective letter:

1. Ask for a specific action, using your own words or this sentence:
I urge you to invest in and protect key programs that will end hunger and reduce poverty in the United States and around the world.
2. Mention a specific House bill or Senate bill if these are available.
3. Give reasons for your request.
 - Share a personal reason that motivates you to write. Letters with personal stories are the most compelling and effective.
 - Show your own commitment to ending hunger: “My church is already helping by [example], but I also expect you to pass budget and spending bills that will end hunger by 2030.”



SAMPLE LETTER

[Date]

Dear Sen. _____, or Dear Rep. _____,

As Congress works on the fiscal year 2019 budget and spending bills, I ask you to invest in and protect key programs that will reduce hunger and poverty.

Our country and the world have made progress against hunger and poverty in recent decades. I want you to continue to invest in programs like SNAP and tax credits for low-income workers. Continued funding for programs that reduce hunger and poverty around the world are also important to me.

My faith calls me to urge you to make public investments that will move us toward the end of hunger.

Sincerely,

[your name]

[your address]

[city, state, ZIP]

For the most current version of this sample letter, updated as legislation moves in Congress, visit bread.org/ol.

4. Write your name and address at the end of your letter and on the envelope so your members of Congress know you are one of their constituents.
5. Send your message to Congress. If you are mailing your letter, put each letter in a separate envelope and address it. To send a personalized email, go to bread.org/eol. Send your handwritten letters to:

Sen. _____
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Rep. _____
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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