

# Offering of Letters

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- Stronger U.S. government action focused on reducing poverty.
- Clearer accountability for how U.S. foreign aid dollars are spent and their results.
- U.S. aid that meets the needs and wants of local people.
- More effective aid to U.S. poor.
- Reform foreign aid to make it more effective in reducing poverty.
- Create jobs so that everyone who wants one, has one.
- Ensure that every job pays a living wage.
- Find ways to get children and families enough food to stay healthy.
- Feeding the hungry is something that we need to do as Christians.

- Too many children don't have enough to eat
- Too many families live in poverty.

**Include your name, address and ZIP CODE!**

**The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_**

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_

As a person of faith, I am called to look after the needs of the hungry and poor.

I am asking you to reform the way the United States delivers foreign assistance so it will help millions of people in poor countries move out of hunger and poverty. Streamlined and more efficient U.S. foreign aid programs will ensure that our tax dollars are used effectively and that the aid we give is what local people in poor countries really need.

Focus our aid dollars on moving people out of poverty. Helping people in other countries by helping them foster economic growth and opportunity, contributes to our own national security as well. This is why I am asking you to support reforms in the ways we deliver and administer U.S. foreign aid.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

**The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_**

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_

As a person of faith, I am called to look after the needs of the hungry and poor. I am asking you to form a circle of protection around funding for programs for hungry and poor people in the United States and around the world.

I am deeply concerned about some of the budget cuts Congress is considering. We need to cut the federal deficit, but we must not do it on the backs of poor people. We need to form a circle of protection around the people who benefit from effective programs.

At the same time, we need to make sure that every taxpayer dollar is spent wisely. More efficient U.S. foreign aid programs will ensure that our tax dollars are used effectively and that the aid we give is what local people in poor countries really need. These reforms will help foster economic growth and opportunity and contribute to our own national security. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates has stated that helping countries develop "is a lot cheaper than sending soldiers."

Please protect families and children from cuts that cost lives, and support reforms to U.S. foreign aid.

Sincerely,

**The Honorable** \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_

As a person of faith, I am called to look after the needs of the hungry and poor. I am a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. Our church is willing to help. We commit dollars each year to Neighbors in Need, Our Churches Wider Mission, Heifer International and other special offerings that provide aid to families living in poverty in our local community, the U.S. and the world. We collect food each week for local food banks and folks from our congregation regularly volunteer at local food pantries. In addition, our youth raise money, work in a food kitchen and learn about hunger during the "30 – Hour Famine". We collect household items for families in our community to enable them to live decently. This is just a small listing of what our congregation does throughout the year.

My church is already helping, but I also expect my country to take the lead in combating local, national and global hunger. I am deeply concerned about some of the budget cuts Congress is considering. We need to cut the federal deficit, but we must not do it on the backs of poor people. We need to form a circle of protection around the people who benefit from effective programs.

As Christians, we are moved by God's grace in Jesus Christ to help our neighbors. We push for changes in laws and systems that enable hunger and poverty to persist. As one of our elected leaders, please do your part.

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