

February 10, 2022

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Steny Hoyer
Majority Leader
US House of Representatives
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The Honorable Steve Scalise
Minority Whip
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable James Clyburn
Majority Whip
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader Hoyer, Minority Leader McCarthy, Majority Whip Clyburn, and Minority Whip Scalise:

The Alliance to End Hunger is a coalition of companies, nonprofits, universities, faith-based groups, and others dedicated to ending hunger and malnutrition in the United States and around the world. As members of the Alliance, we write in support of **H.R. 4693, the Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act**.

Malnutrition is responsible for nearly half of all preventable deaths among children under 5. This year alone, nearly 14 million more children are likely to be severely malnourished because of COVID-19's impacts. This means that 58.9 million young children—or almost the whole population of South Africa—will likely face life-threatening malnutrition. These statistics exemplify why passage of H.R. 4693 is necessary.

The Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act significantly increases the effectiveness of U.S. government nutrition programs by making them more integrated, coordinated, and effective. We are excited that this bill makes nutrition an even higher priority for the U.S. government. It gives USAID and other relevant federal agencies the tools they need to deploy targeted, evidence-based solutions to prevent and treat malnutrition, potentially improving health and nutrition outcomes for tens of millions of women and young children around the world. The bill also establishes a five-year strategy to support countries in implementing their plans to prevent and treat malnutrition.

Many of us applauded your leadership last congress when the House and Senate passed bipartisan Global Nutrition Resolutions. H.R. 4693 builds on that commitment with strong bipartisan support – unanimously passing the House Foreign Affairs Committee. We ask that you help continue our efforts to end preventable childhood deaths by immediately considering H.R. 4693 on the House Floor.

Thank you for your leadership, and we look forward to our continued partnership with you on these issues.

Respectfully,

1,000 Days

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Global Child Nutrition Foundation

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