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The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Dick Durbin
Majority Whip
United States Senate
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable John Thune
Minority Whip
United States Senate
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Dear Leaders Schumer and McConnell, Senator Durbin, and Senator Thune:

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 strong support of **H.R. 4693, the Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act**. The bill – which has significant bipartisan support – passed the House of Representative with nearly 400 votes, as well as the Senate Foreign Relations Committee unanimously.

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. Additionally, the war in Ukraine has exacerbated malnutrition greatly among hot spots around the globe. This means that 58.9 million young children—almost equivalent to the entire population of South Africa—will likely face life-threatening malnutrition. These statistics exemplify why passage of H.R. 4693 is crucial. As the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)'s recently released 2021 State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) report states, malnutrition persists in many forms across all regions and may in fact be worse than these findings suggest as the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on nutritional outcomes is still unfolding. Reaching the 2030 global nutrition targets will require immense efforts to counteract severe global setbacks.

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.

We deeply thank you for your support last congress when the House and Senate passed bipartisan Global Nutrition Resolutions. H.R. 4693 builds on that commitment. We, the undersigned, ask that you continue the efforts to end preventable childhood deaths by immediately considering H.R. 4693 on the Senate 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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