



September 12, 2023

The Honorable Patty Murray
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
154 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Susan Collins
Vice Chair, Senate Appropriations
Committee
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman, House Appropriations Committee
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member, House Appropriations
Committee
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwomen Murray and Granger, Vice Chair Collins, and Ranking Member DeLauro:

On behalf of members of the Alliance to End Hunger, a coalition of humanitarian and development organizations, corporations, faith-based institutions, and others, we support the Administration's supplemental request for international assistance that includes humanitarian, food security and resilience needs globally. As Congress develops its supplemental appropriations bill, we urge you to include this funding. Specifically, no less than \$50 million to support global food security funding in the Economic Support Fund, no less than \$1.2 billion to the Migration and Refugee Assistance account, and no less than \$1.3 billion to the International Disaster Assistance account to continue life-saving humanitarian assistance for displaced and vulnerable populations in Ukraine and elsewhere, as well as to support global food security needs as a result of the war.

We are facing an unprecedented global food security crisis as the result of conflict, extreme weather events, and the lingering economic effects of the recent pandemic. [The 2023 State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World](#) reports that between 691 and 783 million people faced hunger in 2022.

To address this crisis, it is imperative we provide emergency humanitarian assistance to treat global hunger and malnutrition as well as funding to prevent global hunger and malnutrition through supporting the resilience of communities to better cope with disasters.

Conflict is the biggest driver of food security in the world, with [70 percent](#) of the world's hungry people living in areas afflicted by conflict and violence. Nowhere is this more evident than through the effects of the Ukraine war. The war has shaken global food markets and disrupted grain production and shipments that feed the world. Some of the world's most vulnerable populations in Africa and the Middle East rely on food assistance originating from Ukraine, and Russia's recent refusal to extend the Black Sea Grain Initiative has only exacerbated the situation.

Thanks to the support of Congress, America is a proud leader in the fight against global hunger. At a time of unprecedented need, we ask that you build upon this support as you craft the supplemental appropriations bill.

Sincerely,

Alliance to End Hunger

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CNFA (Cultivating New Frontiers in Agriculture)

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

GrainPro Incorporated

Islamic Relief USA

One Acre Fund

Opportunity International

Rise Against Hunger

Save the Children

CC: Hon. Chris Coons; Hon. Lindsey Graham; Hon. Mario Diaz-Balart; Hon. Barbara Lee