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The Honorable Christopher Coons
Chairman
Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations,
and Related Programs
Senate Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations,
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The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart
Chairman
Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations,
and Related Programs
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Barbara Lee
Ranking Member
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House Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Coons, Ranking Member Graham, Chairman Diaz-Balart, and Ranking Member Lee,

We thank you for your continued leadership and dedication to issues of food and nutrition security, recognizing the fiscal constraints placed on the subcommittee with significantly restricted allocations to cover critical programs in the State and Foreign Operations bill. We continue to face an unprecedented global food crisis, fueled primarily by conflict and climate-related extreme weather events, which have led to over 733 million people around the world going hungry. Sudan is now the world's largest food crisis, with over 21 million people (nearly half of the country's population) facing high levels of food insecurity, in Haiti, the number of food-insecure people has tripled since 2016. A total 5.4 million Haitians – nearly half the population – do not have enough to eat, with continued gang violence and political upheaval compounding the crisis. In Gaza, experts are warning of imminent famine in the northern part of the territory.

On behalf of the undersigned members of the Alliance to End Hunger, we respectfully request that you provide sufficient funding for critical programs that save lives, protect livelihoods, and build resiliency and self-sufficiency as you conference the FY25 State, Foreign Operations bill.

Specifically:

- No less than the **\$61.6 billion overall base funding**, the Senate funding level.
- **\$172.5 million** for the **Global Health-Nutrition Subaccount**, the House funding level.
- **\$1 billion** for the **Global Food Security Strategy/Feed the Future**, the Senate funding level.
- **\$4.829 billion** for **International Disaster Assistance**, the Senate funding level.
- **\$54 million** for the **International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)**, the Senate funding level.
- **\$10 million** for the **Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP)**, the Senate funding level.

We greatly appreciate the bipartisan support for addressing severe child malnutrition globally, including for life-saving Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF). To successfully combat malnutrition, we encourage you to broaden the scope of the \$300 million allocation for American-made RUTF to support the full spectrum of wasting treatment and prevention programming. This includes screening children for severe malnutrition and monitoring them post-treatment, providing prenatal vitamins to pregnant women, promoting breastfeeding, and Vitamin A supplementation, and expanding access to all specialized nutrition products used to treat malnutrition. Finally, we urge that this funding be allowed to be used not only for American-made RUTF, but also for locally produced therapeutic foods, which saves money while supporting local communities and strengthening their resilience.

Thank you for your consideration to our request in our shared goal of reducing hunger and malnutrition around the world.

Sincerely,

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