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# Representative—General

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**To**: Email address provided by staffer for follow-up

**CC**: All attendees

**Subject**: Thank You and Follow Up—International development and humanitarian assistance

**Attach**: Please attach the CRS’ chart of accounts.

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*If you promised to provide follow-up details addressing a specific question(s) during your congressional visit, you should include that here once you have accurate information*.

*If your representative is**part of* ***Appropriations or House leadership****, or one of the members mentioned —****Reps. Thompson, Scott, Finstad or Hayes****—please adjust the language to reflect what is most appropriate for your member.*

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Dear Staff Person,

Thank you for taking the time to speak with us about the importance of international development and humanitarian assistance. As your constituents and Catholic Relief Services’ partners/Chapter members, we are grateful for the opportunity to discuss why U.S. leadership is critical in our collective effort to address the root causes of global poverty.

At a time of unprecedented humanitarian need, we urge you to:

* Oppose proposed cuts to international humanitarian aid and development funding in fiscal year 2024 appropriations.
* Contact Appropriations and House leadership to express support for robust funding for international poverty-reducing budget lines in the USCCB/CRS chart of accounts (attached), especially those that address the impacts of hunger and climate change on the world’s most vulnerable people.

In addition, with as many as 828 million people facing chronic hunger and 45 million children suffering acute malnutrition globally, legislation introduced by Rep. Mann (R-KS), Rep. Garamendi (D-CA), Rep. Crawford (R-AR), and Rep. Panetta (D-CA) would effectively end critical U.S. programs designed to fight global hunger and build communities’ resilience. This is a dangerous proposition for millions of children and families around the world. We support efforts to strengthen Food for Peace Title II resilience programs to promote dignity, mitigate the ongoing global food crisis, and help more people feed themselves. This bill would do just the opposite. It is urgent that you oppose the American Farmers Feed the World Act (H.R.4293).

For additional information, please feel free to reach out to:

* David Cronin, senior policy and legislative specialist, Catholic Relief Services

at [david.cronin@crs.org](mailto:david.cronin@crs.org) for questions regarding fiscal year 2024 Budget and Appropriations.

* Ari Shaw-Obasogie, senior policy and legislative specialist, Catholic Relief Services

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Thank you again for your time and we look forward to speaking with you soon,

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# Senator—General

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# Senator—Agriculture Committee

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In addition, with as many as 828 million people facing chronic hunger and 45 million children suffering acute malnutrition globally, we support efforts to strengthen Food for Peace Title II resilience programs to promote dignity, mitigate the ongoing global food crisis, and help more people feed themselves. It is urgent that you support reauthorizing international food aid programs in the Farm Bill and strengthen them by prioritizing increasing flexibility for non-emergency Title II Food for Peace development programming by:

* Making U.S. commodities in non-emergency programs a programming option—rather than a requirement—to allow implementing partners to tailor activities specifically to the needs of the community and;
* Combining the authorizations under Section 2021 and ITSH of the Food for Peace Act, thereby maintaining congressional oversight of funds while streamlining budgeting and lessening the administrative burden for implementing partners.

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