

## Sample Letter to Congress (Senate only): Advocacy for Global Nutrition Policy

[Date]

Sen. \_\_\_\_\_  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_,

Malnutrition is preventable. I urge you to co-sponsor the Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act of 2021 (S. 2956), which was already approved by the House of Representatives (HR.4693) As you determine funding priorities for the fiscal year 2022 Foreign Operations and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, I also ask that you increase global nutrition funding to \$300 million.

The bipartisan Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act will authorize USAID to advance targeted programs to prevent and treat malnutrition around the world; ensure an elevated focus on nutrition programs across global health, food systems, and other sectors; and require robust monitoring of these interventions to ensure the effective use of taxpayer dollars.

An additional 13.9 million children are expected to be severely malnourished by next year. Approximately 811 million people are facing hunger across the globe, erasing years of progress. Investing in nutrition saves lives, creates stability, and is economically smart; for every \$1 invested there is an estimated \$35 in economic return.

Targeted interventions protect the nutrition of women and children during the critical 1000-day period between a woman's pregnancy and her child's second birthday and are essential for ensuring the development of children's physical and mental health.

As a Christian, I am called to love and care for my neighbors wherever they are. Every human being is made in God's image and carries a sacred dignity and immeasurable worth (Genesis 1:27). I urge you to co-sponsor S. 2956 and increase global nutrition funding to \$300 million.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]  
[Your Address]  
[City, State ZIP]

## Quick Tips for an Effective Letter

1. Ask for a specific action, using your own words or this sentence
  - I urge you to support the Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act and to increase funding to reduce global malnutrition
2. Give reasons for your request and make it personal
  - Share a personal reason or story that motivated you to write.
  - Show own organization's commitment: "My church is helping by (example) but I also urge you to enact legislation that increases our nation's commitment to global nutrition"
3. Write your name and address at the end of your letter and on the envelope, so your members of Congress know you are one of their constituents.
4. For more impact, consider scheduling a meeting at your members office (or online) and personally deliver the letters with a delegation from your congregation/organization. For support from Bread organizers go to [bread.org/regionalorganizers](https://bread.org/regionalorganizers)
5. Send your letters to your member's local office or DC offices, and please don't mail them to Bread for the World. If you're mailing your letter, put each letter in a separate envelope and address it. To send a personalized email, go to [bread.org/ol](https://bread.org/ol)

Find addresses here:

<https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>

<https://www.senate.gov/senators/senators-contact.htm>

6. Be sure to report your OL. Go here to [Report the Results of Your Offering of Letters to Congress - Bread for the World. Have Faith. End Hunger.](#)