

“There are people in the world so hungry that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread.”

— Mahatma Gandhi

Dear Representative:

Christians, Muslims, Jews, Buddhists, Hindus, and Sikhs - we've been known to disagree. But there's one thing we all agree on: We have a moral obligation to feed the hungry. Yet on September 26th the House passed a combined rule with self-executing manager amendments that stripped 70% of funding from Food for Peace – America's premiere program successfully providing food for people who are the most hungry. We are deeply concerned by the deep cuts to poverty-focused development assistance across the Agriculture, Rural Development, and FDA Appropriations Act (H.R. 4368) and the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act (H.R. 4665).

People will die completely unnecessary, agonizing deaths and more children will be starved and stunted if these cuts stand. Not because we don't have enough food, but because we refuse to provide the food we have in abundance to those in the greatest need.

So many of our faiths are called to love our neighbors and treat others as we wish to be treated. It's easy to say those words; now's the time to act like we mean them. For the children of God who are hungry, for the honor of our nation, for our own souls, Congress must vote to reinstate funding for Food for Peace and other assistance targeting food insecurity to ensure the most vulnerable are fed.