

Bread for the World Offering of Letters

Support for US nutrition programs in the HEROES Act (the latest Federal funding to support the economy as we deal with COVID-19).

Background: The US House of Representatives has passed the HEROES act and sent it to the Senate. The House version includes three important provisions to supplement nutrition in this time of need:

- A 15% increase in SNAP (food stamps) benefits
- Pandemic EBT to supplement assistance to families with children in school. Extension through the summer.
- Suspension of Trump Administration proposals to reduce access to SNAP

Action: Contact Senators Murray and Cantwell and ask that these provisions remain in the Senate version of the bill. If you can add a personal story, please do so – if you have family members, neighbors, students, or yourself for whom these benefits will help in a difficult time. Our Senators and Representatives appreciate personal stories that put a face on the issues they are working to address.

Global Relief

Background: The HEROES act is focused entirely on relief in the United States. As the pandemic spreads to less developed countries many more people are at risk of disease and hunger. Adding \$12 billion for international aid (< 0.5% of domestic Covid-19 spending) will save many lives and show leadership from the USA. This assistance would support partners on the ground in affected countries.

Action: Contact Senators Murray and Cantwell and ask that they support \$12 billion for international health and nutrition assistance. Contact your Representative (Kilmer or Heck) and ask that they support \$12 billion for international health and nutrition assistance when the HEROES act returns to the House for final passage.

Links to contact Senators and Representatives

Senator Murray <https://www.murray.senate.gov/public/>

Senator Cantwell <https://www.cantwell.senate.gov/contact>

Representative Kilmer <https://kilmer.house.gov/contact>

Representative Heck <https://dennyheck.house.gov/>