

Bread for the World at _____ Presbyterian Church



Take action

God calls us to advocate for an end to hunger and poverty.

As Christians, we are called to seek justice, care for those experiencing hunger and poverty, and embrace our Creator's vision of hope, love, and peace.

We are called to embody it in public as we commit to live in solidarity with those who are made vulnerable by the inequities that drive hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world.

3 Reasons Why the Mission Committee is Organizing an Offering of Letters

1. We believe that advocacy is part of our Christian witness and discipleship.
2. With our support, Bread for the World is committed to speaking truth to power. We have to be both pastoral and prophetic to end hunger.
3. Bread for the World is practical and effective. Years of persistent advocacy and voice has helped triple poverty focused development assistance to education, training, and sustainability measures that end hunger.

Support a U.S. Farm Bill with robust anti-hunger provisions

You are INVITED!

Join our letter-writing campaign to add your voice to affect real legislative change.

SUNDAY, _____ at _____ am

All materials will be provided. If you would like to dig deeper into this year's campaign, please visit: **ol.bread.org**

"Speak out for the rights of all who are destitute. Defend the rights of the poor and needy." (Proverbs 31:8-9)

**Sample letter, but you are free (and encouraged)
to make it personal—see more at ol.bread.org**

[Date]

Rep. Darin LaHood
U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Sen. Richard Durbin and/or Sen. Tammy Duckworth
U.S. Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator _____, Dear Representative _____,

The farm bill is our nation's most important national food system legislation. It is critical to the work of ending hunger at home and abroad. Indeed, the farm bill impacts each one of us.

As Congress works to renew our food and farm programs through the farm bill, I urge you to support legislation that builds healthy, equitable, and sustainable food systems.

Specifically, I ask you to:

- Increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables by increasing support for produce-specific Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits in the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP). This provides resources on top of monthly SNAP benefits for the purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables, primarily at farmers' markets, for a limited number of households.
- Eliminate barriers to SNAP for marginalized populations, including ending the ban on former drug offenders, eliminating work requirements for college students, and permitting indigenous communities to administer SNAP and other federal nutrition programs on reservations.
- Keep food out of landfills by increasing support for post-harvest food recovery efforts and addressing the threat to food security posed by extreme weather.
- Support funding for international food aid programs such as Food for Peace. As a person of faith, I am moved to help and advocate for people experiencing hunger and poverty – no matter where they live. This is why I urge you to support a farm bill that builds healthy, equitable, and sustainable food systems.

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Sincerely, (your name and address)

Send your letters to your legislator's local or DC office, 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/farmbill.

Find addresses here: <https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>
<https://www.senate.gov/senators/senators-contact.htm>