

# Write a letter to Congress today.

**Be personal.** A mailed, handwritten letter attracts much greater attention than does a preprinted letter, card or e-mail. Be sure to include your postal address on both your envelope and letter so your member of Congress can know you are a constituent and respond.

**Be concise.** Express your request clearly in one or two paragraphs.

**Request specific action.** Ask your representative and senators to support a \$5 billion increase in poverty-focused development assistance AND ask them to pass the Global Poverty Act, S. 2433.

**Important:** Ever since anthrax was found in congressional buildings in 2001, mail to Congress takes a bit longer because all letters go through a decontamination process. Here is what we recommend when mailing your letters:

\*Send the letters to your members of Congress' Washington, DC, office. The DC office handles matters related to legislation; the local office usually does not.

\* Assume your letters will take about a month to get to your members of Congress.

\*After mailing the letters, call the DC office of your senator or representative through the Capitol Switchboard, 202-224-3121, and tell them the basic message of the letters and how many were sent.

## Sample Letter

Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ OR Sen. \_\_\_\_\_  
U.S. House of Representatives U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20515 Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Representative (or Senator) \_\_\_\_\_,

Rising global food prices are having a devastating impact on poor and hungry people. As many as 100 million people could be worse off because of this crisis. We cannot afford to let this happen!

While there are immediate actions our nation must take, we also need better-funded U.S. aid programs to help improve agriculture, nutrition, and education. These programs can build long-term solutions for communities worldwide and help small scale farmers improve their yields so they can feed their families and communities.

Please work to increase poverty-focused development assistance by at least \$5 billion. In addition, pass the Global Poverty Act so that our assistance will have the maximum impact for those with the greatest need. [ADD THIS SENTENCE WHEN WRITING TO SENATORS: Please cosponsor S. 2433.]

Sincerely,  
Your Name  
Your Address  
Your City, State, Zip Code



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