

BREAD FOR THE WORLD SAMPLE LETTER OR TALKING POINTS FOR A CALL:

The Trump administration's fiscal year 2018 budget proposal includes deep and disproportionate cuts to critical anti-hunger and anti-poverty programs. I am deeply opposed to such proposals that, if passed, would increase hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world.

In the U.S., 1 in 8 families struggles to put food on the table. Cutting trillions of dollars over the next decade in funding to programs that help low-income households, such as SNAP and Medicaid, would jeopardize food security for millions of families.

Right now, 20 million people are at risk of starvation due to the extraordinary famines in South Sudan, northeastern Nigeria, Somalia, and Yemen. Recently, Congress allocated \$1 billion in additional funding to address famine. The impact from famine will persist in the coming years, therefore it is crucial that the U.S. continue to be a leader in foreign assistance. But beyond saving countless lives, our own nation's security is benefited by alleviating suffering and decreasing poverty to create a more stable and prosperous world. These programs are critical to U.S. leadership in the world.

Cutting funding to programs that address economic development to impoverished families in the U.S. and abroad will increase hunger and hardship. As Congress works on the 2018 budget and spending bills, I urge you to reject cuts to lifesaving programs.