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The Honorable Debbie Stabenow

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Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Stabenow,

Respect for human life lies at the heart of my faith. God’s dream is for the flourishing of all people. As such, I urge you to work diligently for an end to hunger, and I thank you for supporting S. Res. 260, which affirms the need for US leadership in providing global nutrition.

You may recall that S. Res.260 includes the following proclamations.

* Malnutrition directly or indirectly causes 45 percent of all deaths of children under 5 years of age, a total of 2,600,000 deaths annually.
* The potential life-long health and economic benefits of early childhood nutrition influence the future of individual children and families, as well as entire communities and countries.
* It is in the national interest of the United States to help developing countries build their own capacity to reduce malnutrition.

**So, I urge you to give your full support to a $50 million increase in the budget for global nutrition programs. I also ask that you support a budget of $50 million for a Summer EBT program to reduce hunger in families that rely on free and reduced-price school meals during the school year.**

The faith community of the Holland/Zeeland area supports both local and international efforts to reduce hunger and poverty. While these efforts are important, they are no substitute for the systemic reforms and large resource allocations that can only be achieved by our national government. That’s why your vote is essential.

Your constituent,

Name: Address: