

July 25, 2023

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Speaker of the House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker McCarthy:

Each year our nation's international food aid programs, including P.L. 480 Title II Food for Peace, Food for Progress and McGovern-Dole International Food for Education help reach millions of vulnerable people around the world. These programs have enjoyed significant bipartisan support for more than 65 years. We, the undersigned organizations, urge you to support these programs in fiscal year 2024 agriculture appropriations and reject several amendments to this year's spending bill that would eliminate or significantly reduce funding for the Food for Peace and McGovern-Dole programs (Biggs 5, Biggs 6, Good 82, Good 101, Ogles 89, Ogles 91, and Ogles 58).

Food for Peace and McGovern-Dole not only benefit their recipients, but also U.S. economic and national security interests. Food aid, in all its forms, is made available through these programs usually bearing the U.S. flag and/or marked "from the American people." By furthering stability in fragile countries and sparking hope in countless people who are struggling to survive, U.S. strategic interests are protected and expanded. Ultimately, these kinds of foreign assistance programs help create a firm foundation for vulnerable communities to grow and prosper, which is why many former food aid recipient countries are now among the most important U.S. trading partners.

Our organizations stand united in our belief that U.S. food aid programs are among the world's most critical foreign assistance programs, save countless lives, bolster our nation's global security, and help millions in need around the world. **We urge you to reject the Biggs, Good, and Ogles amendments and instead support our nation's food aid programs.**

Thank you,

1,000 Days, an initiative of FHI Solutions
ACDI/VOCA
Action Against Hunger
ADM
ADRA International
AFL-CIO Maritime Trades Department
Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute
Alliance for Peacebuilding
Alliance to End Hunger
American Maritime Congress
American Maritime Officers
American Maritime Officers Service

American Pulse Association
American Soybean Association
APL
Apostleship of the Sea of the United States
of America
Association of Genuine Alaska Pollock
Producers
Basic Education Coalition
Better World Campaign
BKA Logistics LLC
Blumont
Bread for the World

Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation
Bunge
Cantera Partners
CARE USA
Cargill
Catholic Relief Services
Church World Service
Colorado Association of Wheat Growers
Concern Worldwide US
Corus International
Didion Milling Inc
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Euro-America Shipping & Trade
Fettig & Donalty, Inc.
FHI 360
Food for the Hungry
Global Communities
Global Food & Nutrition Inc.
Grain Millers Inc
GrainPro Incorporated
Helen Keller Intl
HelpAge USA
HIAS
Humanity & Inclusion
Idaho Grain Producers Association
Idaho Wheat Commission
ILWU
ILWU LOCAL 98
Improving Economies for Stronger
Communities (IESC)
Inlandboatmen's Union
InterAction
International Medical Corps
International Organization of Masters,
Mates & Pilots
Islamic Relief USA
Kansas Association of Wheat Growers
Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers
Association
Kansas Wheat Commission
Kendall Packaging
Land O'Lakes/ Venture 37
Liberty Maritime Corporation
LifeLine Foods
LifeLink Logistics

Mana Nutrition
Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association
Marine Firemen's Union
Maritime Institute for Research and
Industrial Development
Mennonite Central Committee U.S
Mercy Corps
Michigan Bean Commission
Minnesota Association of Wheat Growers
Muller Shipping Corporation
National Association of Wheat Growers
National Cooperative Business Association
CLUSA International (NCBA CLUSA)
National Corn Growers Association
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
National Shipping of America, LLC.
National Sorghum Producers
Navy League of the United States
Nebraska Wheat Growers Association
North American Millers' Association
Northeast Chartering Group
Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) USA
Oklahoma Wheat Commission
Oklahoma Wheat Growers Association
ONE Campaign
Oregon Wheat Growers League
Oxfam America
Patriot Maritime
Physicians for Peace
Port of Lake Charles
Potomac Maritime, LLC
Potomac Shipping International, LLC
QSL America
Reliance Bulk Carriers LLC
REPCO
Sailors' Union of the Pacific
Save the Children
School-to-School International
Schuyler Line Navigation Company
SD Wheat Growers Association
Seafarers International Union
SEALIFT INC
SEMO Milling LLC
Southern Gulf Packaging & Logistics
SPOON
Stella Maris - Diocese of Beaumont

Texas Wheat Producers Association
Tiger Soy LLC
Together for Girls
Transportation Institute
Transportation Trades Department,
AFL-CIO
Trickle Up
TVS, Inc.
U.S. Dry Bean Council
U.S. Peanut Federation
U.S. Wheat Associates
UNICEF USA

UNISHIPPING
US Ocean LLC
US Pea & Lentil Trade Association
USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council
USA Maritime
USA Rice
Washington Association of Wheat Growers
WaterAid
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World Food Program USA
World Vision