

September 26, 2023

U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

We write to urge you to vote **NO** to H.R. 4368, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024 with its inclusion of drastic cuts to international food aid programs, P.L. 480 Title II Food for Peace and the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program.

Like all agriculture funded programs (with the exception of WIC), the McGovern-Dole program would see a 14.15% cut, and the Food for Peace program would be reduced by \$1.2079 billion. While a 14.15% cut across the board would be detrimental to programs like McGovern-Dole, **the reduction of Food for Peace to \$532.1 million, a nearly 70% cut, would be catastrophic.**

U.S. farmers, millers, American labor, and international NGOs are proud of the role they play in helping to feed the world. 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, saving countless lives while also bolstering our nation's global security. **We urge you to reject H.R. 4368**, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024, with its current cuts to international food aid programs.

Thank you,

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