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Dear Members of Congress,

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's leaders to end hunger at home and abroad. Our network of 250,000 activists is representative of every Congressional district, including local congregations, individual activists, and strong partnerships with national denominations and other faith-based and anti-hunger organizations throughout the United States.

Thank you for your leadership in passing the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. As an organization that seeks to end hunger and poverty, Bread for the World focuses on aspects of the bill that we believe will help achieve that goal. The following provisions will make an important impact on children and families who are struggling to make ends meet during this difficult time:

- 15% increase for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Additional funding for Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- Extension of the \$300.00 weekly enhanced unemployment
- Expansion of the Child Tax Credit (CTC) to be fully refundable and allow for periodic payments
- Expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
- Debt relief for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers (Black, Latino, Indigenous, and others)

Recent data from the U.S. Census Bureau's Household Pulse Survey reports that nearly 1 in 6 families in the U.S. are not getting enough to eat because they cannot afford it. We note that it is estimated that the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 will lift 13 million American out of poverty and cut child poverty by over 50 percent.

The United Nations World Food Programme warns that 270 million people globally could face extreme hunger this year. So, we thank you also for including \$11.5 billion for the U.S. global pandemic response to help produce a global vaccine and food assistance for developing countries facing a food shortage. This funding is critical for all Americans' safety and security, as COVID-19 is a global threat.

The investments in this legislation are essential in helping children and families facing hunger around the country and the world due to COVID-19. We are grateful for your support and look forward to working with you throughout the year to further policy to help end hunger and malnutrition in the United States and abroad.

Sincerely,

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