

AN INVITATION

Tell Congress to Help End Hunger

BREAD FOR THE WORLD'S 2018

OFFERING OF LETTERS:
FOR SUCH A
TIME AS THIS

Dear Friends,

Your faithful advocacy makes a difference. Last year, we held off dramatic cuts to domestic anti-hunger programs, such as SNAP and WIC, and prevented extreme cuts to emergency international humanitarian assistance. In fact, your letters and those from churches and other groups helped win an additional \$1 billion in funding to address the near-famine crises that arose in several countries in Africa and the Middle East.

But programs that provide help and opportunity to people in need are increasingly vulnerable due to the actions, and inactions, of government officials in Washington, D.C. Just as Esther was called to stand up and advocate on behalf of her people to the king of Persia, we too are called to stand up and advocate with and on behalf of our communities to government leaders in Washington, D.C. We must urge our nation's leaders to protect programs that are vital for people who are struggling with hunger and poverty.

Bread for the World's 2018 Offering of Letters: For Such a Time as This is an opportunity to put your faith into action.

In the last 25 years, the world has reduced *by more than half* the number of people living in extreme poverty. Our own country has also reduced hunger and poverty in recent decades. Yet continued progress isn't a given.

In 2018, we expect Congress to again propose deep cuts to vital programs that help people who are struggling with hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world. These might include programs such as WIC and SNAP that provide nutritious food to families in the United States who are temporarily struggling to provide all that their families need. More than half of all SNAP recipients are children or senior citizens.

Congress will also consider cuts to international humanitarian and development assistance programs that fight famines, provide nutrition for mothers and children, and help struggling farm families increase their output and incomes.

Bread for the World's 2018 Offering of Letters offers you the opportunity to raise your voice to help make it possible for all people to reach their God-given potential.

I invite you to join me and thousands of Bread for the World members and friends across the country in working to make sure that no one is forced to go to bed hungry in the United States or around the world.

Grace and peace,



Rev. David Beckmann
President, Bread for the World

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