

To: (My Elected Official)

I am writing to ask you to help end the terrible problem of hunger in America. The statistics are alarming. We pride ourselves as Americans having an equal opportunity to all, yet hunger in America is prevalent and rising. New legislation has to be introduced to change the system and tackle this pervasive problem. Comprehensive legislation is needed to improve coordination of U.S. hunger alleviation efforts. The U.S. must commit to eradicate hunger and poverty that is pervasive. Yet, there is no comprehensive strategy that sets specific targets, benchmarks and funding levels to ensure that it leads the nation in ending hunger here right on our own soil.

In 2008, we witnessed the devastating impact of growing hunger. We saw the price of food skyrocket, leading to even more food insecurity than already existed. If this isn't alleviated, food protests, riots and instability are inevitable as additional millions people are pushed deeper into poverty. The working hungry is a new category. Poverty and hunger intensify, and the country's poorest people are hit the hardest. This has a devastating effect on everyone.

What we need is a comprehensive plan to address hunger. As a constituent, I support new legislation to alleviate the problem. We can fund organizations and charities that help to feed desperately hungry people, but what we need is a change in policies, legislation and attitude to address the issue. No more sweeping it away and pretending that all in America walk the streets of gold. Or those that are struggling are just takers. You can be the lead in Congress to make a difference and save people's lives.

Imagine if it were you or your child who woke up hungry every day with no hope of alleviating that terrible pang. We should be ashamed of ourselves for looking the other way. It is time to change this. There is enough for everyone.

What will you do to lead the charge and make the change?

Sincerely,
[Your name]