

May 4, 2025

Senator Gary Peters
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Dear Senator Peters,

I am concerned about the many children in our country who, despite the nation's wealth, suffer frequent or chronic hunger. I urge you to protect and strengthen nutrition programs that help children reach their full potential. I also ask you to actively help hungry children around the world. There is enough food; our challenge is to get food to children and families who don't have enough. A healthier world ultimately benefits the United States.

Specifically, I ask you to:

- Fully fund the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and strengthen the program so that more eligible families are able to enroll and stay enrolled.
- Provide robust funding for global nutrition programs, so that we can reach millions of children with lifesaving assistance.

WIC serves almost 40 percent of all infants born in the United States. Participation in WIC is associated with reduced risks of premature birth, low birthweight, and infant mortality.

Globally, almost half of all deaths of children under age 5 are attributable to malnutrition.

Generosity to people in need is a dominant Biblical theme. Genesis 1:27 reminds us that every person is created in God's image, and we honor God when we love our neighbors, especially the most vulnerable among us.

Fiscally, morally, and for our future, investing in the development of children merits our commitment.

Sincerely,