

SAMPLE LETTERS for MARCH 15TH

Sample Letter to Representative, Domestic Nutrition

[Date]

Rep. _____
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative _____,

I urge you to end summer hunger for children by co-sponsoring the Hunger-Free Summer for Kids Act (S.1918) and increasing funding for the Summer Electronic Benefit (EBT) pilot program.

For children, even brief periods of hunger carry consequences that may last a lifetime. Food insecure children are more likely to experience learning and academic difficulties, and poor general health. Child nutrition programs are an important safeguard against child hunger, yet too many children are left without the nutrition they need when they are out of school, especially in the summer months.

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Congress should also fund the Summer Electronic Benefit (EBT) pilot program at \$50 million so more children can access nutritious food during the summer months. That would enable Summer EBT to continue its current operations and reach a total of 464,000 children.

My faith calls me to advocate to end hunger, especially hunger among the most vulnerable in society.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
[Your Address]
[City, State ZIP]

Sample Letter to Senators, Domestic Nutrition

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Sen. _____
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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