

October 15, 2023

Senator Tina Smith  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Smith,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old. I

live in \_\_\_\_\_. My favorite things to eat are \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

I am thankful that I have enough to eat, and when I hear that not all kids have enough to eat, it makes me feel \_\_\_\_\_. That is a problem. I know that when there is a problem, we can all work together to find solutions.

At my church, today we are learning about \_\_\_\_\_. Ruth took good care of her mother-in-law \_\_\_\_\_ when their husbands had died. Ruth did this by gleaning barley and \_\_\_\_\_ in Boaz's fields. Boaz was very generous. There are many generous people like \_\_\_\_\_, but we need our government to provide leadership and funding to help feed hungry people around the world.

Specifically, I ask you to:

- Protect SNAP from further restrictions and expand access to SNAP
- Increase funding for fresh produce within SNAP benefits through GusNIP
- Reauthorize the Food for Peace global nutrition program at or above its current level
- Increase support for post-harvest food recovery (gleaning) through grants, tax incentives, education, and coordination of donors and delivery

Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to turn back from you." The way Ruth treated her mother-in-law Naomi is the way we need to treat those who lack resources. When we help others, the world becomes a \_\_\_\_\_ place.

Sincerely,