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Dear Ms Lee:

I am concerned about hunger. The US produces much of the world's food but growing poverty and rising food prices are increasing American's food insecurity particularly for children. There are various programs to help distribute food more rationally with the federal SNAP program in the farm bill preeminent among them. The current administration's viciousness toward vulnerable people points to a need for a more diversified approach but for now protecting the SNAP program is essential and at the moment that means a one year extension. Of course many improvements to increase the reach of the program into undocumented and otherwise underserved communities would be welcome. The failure yesterday to gut the program is not very encouraging as the main objection seems to be that not enough people will be forced into hunger.

it Thank you for opposing yesterday's farm bill.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our social safety net.

Sincerely, Eric Babson