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Dear Senator Harris:

I am concerned about hunger. Food insecurity is rapidly increasing in the US. Refusal to confront COVID has driven a booming economy into the ground. One result has been hundreds of thousands of senseless deaths and another is millions of newly hungry Americans. The mishmash of private food banks and end distributors along with school lunch programs which prevent starvation in the worlds wealthiest nation are badly strained. Schools are closed. Restaurants and grocery stores are no longer able to supply food banks and many church and community distribution programs can no longer operate safely. The first three relief bills helped with programs to keep restaurants afloat, redirect farm produce to food banks and provide enough money to many unemployed to keep food on the table and grocery stores solvent. These are now drying up and billions of meals shortfall are projected in the next few months.

Please assure me that you will grind the Senate to a halt until a COVID relief bill is considered.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our abundant food.

Sincerely, Eric Babson