

## The 2 Minute Letter

Here are some ideas for drafting short but effective letters to your representatives.

- **Be specific!**

We must end domestic child hunger: More than 1 in 5 Children in New York City live in households that can't afford enough food.

- **Name the bill or action you want them to take.**

Please support a strong Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Bill by providing universal, in-classroom breakfasts and lunch, increasing per meal reimbursements, and fully funding the WIC program.

- **Explain why it's important to you.**

We cannot continue to accept child hunger in our communities. SHARE a personal anecdote or example from your community: "In our food pantry at St. Mary's, we have seen 50% more children in line for emergency food."

**Example:**

(Senator, Representative, Governor, Mayor, etc.)

Address

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

We must end domestic child hunger: More than 1 in 5 Children in New York City live in households that can't afford enough food.

As a constituent, I urge you to support a strong Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Bill by providing universal, in-classroom breakfasts and lunch, increasing per meal reimbursements, and fully funding the WIC program.

We cannot continue to accept child hunger in our communities. In our food pantry at St. Mary's Church (on 125<sup>th</sup> Street in Manhattan), we have seen 50% more children in line for emergency food in the last year. Emergency food should be used to fill in the gaps between government nutrition programs, not as the primary way that we feed our children.

Sincerely,

Your Name

Your Address