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Senator Mark Warner
703 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Warner,

I urge you to protect and strengthen nutrition programs that help children avoid the prospect of hunger.

Specifically, I ask you to:

- Fully fund and strengthen the domestic Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) so that more eligible families in the U. S. can enroll and stay enrolled.
- Protect, restore, and secure robust funding for global nutrition programs, so that we can reach millions of children with lifesaving assistance.

In 2023, in the U. S. (the last year for which there is data), the WIC program served nearly seven million participants per month. Participation in WIC is associated with reduced risk of premature birth, low birthweight, and infant mortality.

Internationally, for just a small percentage of the federal budget (roughly three-tenths of one percent), lifesaving aid has an outsized impact. These strategic investments not only save and improve the lives of tens of millions of children every year, they secure America's standing as a global leader and trusted partner, open new markets to American goods, and reduce national security threats like terrorism and infectious disease.

Additionally, I ask you to fully fund the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to help struggling families.

Genesis 1:27 reminds us that every person is created in God's image, and we honor God when we love our neighbors, especially the most vulnerable among us. In the Gospels, Jesus opens his arms and welcomes children, saying, "The kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14).

Whether from a fiscal, moral, or faith-based standpoint, the investment in children and families is essential. Please support these programs.

Sincerely,

[Your name/address]