

May 15, 2022

Alex Padilla, U.S. Senator for California
U.S. Senate
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Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Padilla

More than 12 million children in the U.S. are not getting enough to eat, especially enough nutritious food. Making permanent the refundable tax credit expansion and by reauthorizing child nutrition programs, can help to mitigate this situation. Access to adequate and safe nutrition is vital to growth and learning, especially in the first 1,000 days of a child's life.

Specifically, I urge you to:

- Expand free school meals to additional children through the Community Eligibility Provision Program and extend Summer EBT nationwide.
- Make the one-year expansion of the Child Tax Credit (CTC) permanent, fully refundable, and available to families regardless of their children's immigration status. Otherwise, an estimated 9.9 million children are at risk of poverty.

Children are the heritage of the Lord (Psalm 127:3), and as Christian, I believe we all carry responsibility for their well-being and future. I urge you to strengthen the nutrition programs that give our nation's children the opportunity to flourish.

Sincerely, _____ Signature

Sign Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Your City, State and Zip Code: _____