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The Honorable Barbara Lee
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on State, Foreign
Operations and Related Programs
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The Honorable Hal Rogers
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on State, Foreign
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U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chair Lee and Ranking Member Rogers:

As you begin work on the fiscal year 2022 State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill, I urge you to fund the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Global Health Programs for Nutrition at a level of \$300 million.

Unfortunately, a malnutrition crisis has emerged from secondary impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Adequate funding for USAID Global Health Programs for Nutrition is essential to the well-being of individuals most at risk of malnutrition, especially young children and their caregivers. Globally, approximately 29 percent of children under five suffer from malnutrition, and undernutrition is an underlying cause of 45 percent of deaths among children under five.

At fiscal year 2022 funding level of \$300 million, USAID's nutrition programs will be able to save more than 30,303 children's lives, prevent stunting for more than 553,506 children, prevent anemia for more than 12,160,519 women, and support new mothers to breastfeed more than 552,880 babies, among other vital means of assistance.

I urge you to support this funding level for USAID Global Health Programs for Nutrition. Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Young Kim
Member of Congress