

June 24, 2013

Dear Representative:

We, the undersigned, are writing to express our sincerest thanks for your vote in favor of the Royce/Engel Amendment to the Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013 (FARRM). Your “yes” vote demonstrates your strong commitment to saving lives through common-sense reforms to American food aid programs, as well as ensuring the most efficient and effective use of taxpayer dollars.

The amendment was defeated, but only by the thinnest of margins (203-220). Both Republicans and Democrats voted for reform in record numbers. Such bipartisan support for real food aid reform is on the rise. Change is within reach.

The politically diverse alliance of humanitarian and advocacy organizations, think tanks, agriculture groups, business interests, and officials from the last three Presidential Administrations that supported reform remain committed to working with Chairman Royce and Ranking Member Engel. This will not be the last opportunity to enact legislation that strengthens local food systems and increases self-sufficiency in the world’s poorest countries.

The movement for more effective and efficient food aid will continue. We thank you for your support and look forward to working with your office on future initiatives.

Sincerely,

1. Action Against Hunger
2. American Jewish World Service
3. The Borgen Project
4. Bread for the World
5. CARE USA
6. Catholic Relief Services
7. Church World Service
8. Helen Keller International
9. InterAction
10. Lutheran World Relief
11. Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns
12. MercyCorps
13. The Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network
14. ONE
15. Oxfam America
16. Partners in Health
17. Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
18. RESULTS
19. Save the Children
20. Somali Youth Development Foundation
21. United Church of Christ Justice and Witness Ministries
22. World Food Program USA
23. World Vision

