



## **BACKGROUND**

Bread for the World members, and people in churches nationwide, have helped build momentum to reform United States Foreign Assistance. The goal has been to make the reduction of world hunger a higher priority for the U.S. government.

As a result, we at Good Shepherd are joining efforts to strengthen existing programs with four objectives:

1. A stronger U.S. government focus on reducing poverty
2. Clearer accountability for how aid dollars are spent and their results
3. A transformed U.S. development agency
4. U.S. aid that meets the needs and wants of local people.

## **ACTION**

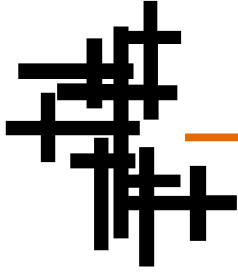
Good Shepherd Voices for Justice joins Bread for the World this month in the 2011 Offering of Letters to ask Congress to reform foreign aid to make it more effective in reducing poverty.

Our parish will have letter writing after all the Masses on May 13 and 14. Please take a few minutes before you leave to take part in this meaningful social justice advocacy campaign.

A sample letter follows. Please feel free to share it, and the contact information, with family and friends.

This year we are not offering a web based link to write and submit your letter because we understand that hand written letters currently receive the most attention from our legislators and their staffs.





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More Effective Foreign Aid**

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**SAMPLE LETTER**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

(Senator or Representative's name here. They're listed below)

I am asking you to reform the way the United States delivers foreign assistance so it will help millions of people in poor countries move out of hunger and poverty. Streamlined and more efficient U.S. foreign aid will ensure that our tax dollars are used effectively and that the aid we give is what local people in poor countries such as Haiti and Liberia really need.

By focusing our aid dollars on moving people out of poverty, we help foster economic growth and opportunity. Fewer people struggling with poverty and stronger, growing economies in developing countries contribute to our own national security as well.

That is why I am asking you to support reforms in the ways we delivery and administer U.S. foreign aid.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Your name

Address

City, State, zip

**LEGISLATIVE CONTACTS**

Rep. James Sensenbrenner  
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Washington, D.C. 20515-49095  
(For the 9<sup>th</sup> district)

Sen. Herb Kohl  
330 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510-4903

Sen. Ron Johnson  
506 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510-4904

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