

Dear Senator/Representative:

Congratulations on your recent election. I am so pleased that your constituents have taken the time to introduce you to CARE and the CARE Action.

Founded in 1945, CARE is a leading international humanitarian organization fighting global poverty. We place a special focus on working alongside poor women who, equipped with the proper resources, can assist whole families and entire communities escape poverty through improved basic education, prevention of the spread of HIV, increased access to clean water and sanitation, improved nutrition and access to food, expanded economic opportunities and the protection of natural resources. CARE also delivers emergency aid to survivors of war and natural disasters, and helps people rebuild their lives. **CARE supports a strong international affairs budget that makes investments in the world's most vulnerable people, particularly women and girls.**

Significant to that work are the advocacy efforts led by your constituents, citizen advocates who visited you today and represent hundreds of thousands of others who support CARE and our fight against global poverty and social injustice. CARE is honored to partner with these dedicated leaders from around the country to support **strong U.S. investments in lifesaving humanitarian aid and foreign assistance programs around the world.**

With so much need in our world, now is not the time for the U.S. to step aside in our humanitarian leadership, but to step up. Thank you for meeting this week with CARE and our advocates — your constituents — and for considering how you might express through your own legislative efforts the kind of humanitarian leadership the world needs in these extraordinary times.

For more information about CARE and our work, please visit [www.careaction.org](http://www.careaction.org). We look forward to working with you and your counterparts to realize our vision of a world in which poverty has been overcome and all people live in dignity and security.

Sincerely,



Michelle Nunn  
President and CEO