



September 22, 2021

The Honorable James P. McGovern  
The Honorable Christopher H. Smith  
Co-Chairs  
Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission  
House Committee on Foreign Affairs  
5100 O'Neill House Office Building  
200 C Street SW  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressmen McGovern and Smith,

On behalf of the Alliance to End Hunger I want to thank you for convening the hearing entitled *Root Causes of Migration: Food Insecurity and the Right to Food in Central America*. I also want to thank you for inviting two of our member organizations, One Acre Fund and Save the Children, to testify in front of the Commission.

As you are aware, the Central American countries of Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua have witnessed exponential rises in hunger and malnutrition over the past year. In addition to issues of basic human rights, food insecurity in Central America has implications for regional security, as well as migratory impacts that we are witnessing at our own border. Root causes of food insecurity in the region span a broad range of issues, and the response must include holistic – and in some cases complex – solutions.

The critical topic of this hearing is much appreciated by the Alliance to End Hunger and our broad membership of organizational members. We deeply appreciate your engagement with us related to hunger and malnutrition in Central America, including as a push factor for migration. Attached to this letter, please find a written testimony for the record from one of our members, Ambassador Christopher Goldthwait of GrainPro, Inc.

Once again, thank you for your leadership, partnership, and engagement on these issues. We look forward to further collaboration.

Best Regards,

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