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The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Majority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Steny Hoyer
Minority Whip
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan, Majority Leader McCarthy, Minority Leader Pelosi, and Minority Whip Hoyer:

As the President of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) and former Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), I write to express my strong support for passage of H.R. 5129, the Global Food Security Reauthorization Act (GFSA) of 2018. The bill would reauthorize the GFSA for an additional five years and redouble the federal government's commitment to a whole-of-government strategy to combat food insecurity and hunger worldwide.

Public research universities are committed to achieving global food security and have a deep appreciation for the responsibility they share in meeting the challenge. In fact, APLU recently published a report entitled, "[Challenge of Change](#)," to outline an academic, research, and leadership action plan for public research universities to meet global food needs by 2050. The university community is uniquely positioned, in cooperation with public and private partners across governments, businesses, nongovernmental and civil society organizations, multilateral institutions, and farmers, to address the world's greatest food security challenges through scientific research, teaching, and extension. It is critical for Congress to recommit strategic investments in food security, agricultural development and nutrition and take a truly comprehensive, holistic approach.

I know you are actively engaged in discussions about how to advance the Global Food Security Act to the President's desk, and want to share APLU's appreciation, support, and position as the process moves forward. Please do not hesitate to let me know how APLU can help or if you have any questions. I look forward to continuing to work with you towards enactment of the bipartisan Global Food Security Act.

Sincerely,

Peter McPherson
President
Association of Public and Land-grant Universities

cc: House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Edward R. Royce
House Foreign Affairs Committee Ranking Member Eliot L. Engel
The Honorable Christopher Smith
The Honorable Betty McCollum