**[Your Name]**
[City, State]

[Date]

[Senator/Congressman First & Last Name]
United States [Senate/House of Representatives]
[Office Address]
Washington, DC [ZIP]

**Dear [Senator/Congressman Last Name],**

I’m writing to share why it’s so important to restore funding for USDA food purchases through *The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP).*

Here in South Dakota, food banks, food pantries, and hot meal sites are often the main source of food access in rural communities. These hunger-fighting organizations rely on Feeding South Dakota for food products and when those supplies go down, it means fewer healthy meals for children, seniors, and neighbors who are struggling.

TEFAP is not just about food — it’s about keeping communities strong, supporting local farmers, and making sure no one has to go hungry. Restoring funding will help food banks keep up with rising need and ensure families don’t have to make hard choices between groceries and other essentials.

[Share a personal story: your own experience with hunger, food access, volunteering, or supporting the fight against hunger.]

I ask you to please support full funding for TEFAP food purchases. Your leadership can make a real difference for South Dakotans facing hunger.

Thank you for all you do for our state.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]