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Mr. McCormick and staff, As your constituent and a supporter of Catholic Relief Services, I am deeply concerned about the abrupt termination of the CRS McGovern-Dole Food for Education feeding program. This decision will cut off daily meals for 900,000 children in 15 countries beginning in July. For many, this is their only meal of the day.

Additionally, terminations have crippled USDA's Food for Progress programs authorized by Congress in 1985 to provide commodities from our farmers to developing countries and emerging democracies. Canceling these programs eliminate opportunities for our farmers, as well as, threaten food security and economic stability in counties that will turn to China and others for desperately needed support.

I personally have seen the positive impact of food security programs during my 5 trips to Haiti over the last 20 years. The village of Bassin-Zim in the Central Plateau has flourished from severe poverty because of programs as basic as farmer best-practice training and providing school lunches.

As a Catholic I am morally committed to Catholic Relief Services which for over 80 years has delivered lifesaving emergency assistance to our most vulnerable sisters and brothers around the world. We Catholics are committed to working with global partners toward more peaceful and just societies.

My question is "Why has this administration backed away for our CRS long-standing partnership programs of mercy and love?" From my perspective it is for one reason: to give the few rich more power and money on the backs of the majority lower and middle classes. Shame on you for enabling these cutbacks for those in desperate need! Stop tax breaks for the rich that add to the debt...decrease the debt that is eating us alive!

I'm Deacon Roger Fraser, one voting constituent of Georgia's 7th Congressional District, with many friends.