



The Honorable Michael A. Nutter  
Office of the Mayor  
City Hall, Room 215  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Dear Mayor Nutter:

As a person of faith living in a region where so many go hungry, I am compelled to act. In Philadelphia alone, the numbers are devastating:

- One in four Philadelphians lives below the poverty line, including one in three children;
- Nearly one in three of our neighbors uses the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to purchase groceries;
- Food pantries are stretched thin. The number of people accessing food cupboards has *tripled* in less than four years, and there is not enough to feed the growing ranks of hungry children and families;
- Nearly 500,000 people in Philadelphia and 1 million in the region are now relying on food cupboards.

**Hunger is no longer a silent crisis.** As a person of faith, I bear witness to this devastating food emergency and urgently call upon you and our government to respond. We don't need more food pantries and soup kitchens. We need a plan with policies to ensure that people in our city will have access to affordable, nutritious food.

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