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## **Back efforts to fight food insecurity**

Growing up I never faced food insecurity. I did not realize how prevalent it is until I started volunteering at a food pantry. As a volunteer, I was shocked to see how many people relied on the pantry. I remember one mother tearing up as she mentioned this was one of the few options, she had to feed herself and her children. Her emotions show how deleterious food insecurity is. In fact, per the United Nations in 2020, a decades-long decline in food insecurity was interrupted and an increase was seen due to the pandemic.

This increase is a call to urge Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Alex Padilla to sign Sens. Susan Collins and Jeanne Shaheen's letter, Support Robust Funding for Global Maternal and Child Health, including Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance and Nutrition in Global Health. Now is the time to reverse the global impacts of the pandemic and fight food insecurity.

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