Offering of Letters (Updated for the Coronavirus Emergency)

Last Sunday St. Paul’s held its 5th annual Offering of Letters to Congress, asking our legislators to support summer nutrition programs for school-aged children dependant on free- or reduced-price school meals. Despite all the distractions, 23 people took time to write individual letters or add their names to group letters.

The coronavirus emergency raised the awareness of these children who depend on schools to feed them. The House just passed H.R.6201 (The Families First Coronavirus Response Act), which begins to address the needs of these children and their families, often the most vulnerable to the economic impact of closures and layoffs. The Senate will debate the bill soon.

**Please contact your senators and ask them to pass legislation that addresses the needs of the most vulnerable during this public health crisis! Here is the contact information and a sample script you can adapt.**

Senator Warren: <http://www.warren.senate.gov> Phone: (202) 224-4543

Senator Markey: <http://www.markey.senate.gov> Phone: (202) 224-2742

Sample script:

Dear Senator,

Thank-you for your past support for legislation supporting poor and hungry people around the world! As a person of faith, I am deeply concerned about hungry children everywhere, particularly during this time of crisis caused by COVID-19.

I urge you to express your commitment and concern by supporting strong legislation that protects those most vulnerable to the economic impact of closures of schools and workplaces. The House has already passed H.R.6201 (The Families First Coronavirus Response Act). Please do all you can to get it passed in the Senate as well. Thank-you!

Sincerely yours,

[Name]

[Address]