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Stephen Scapelliti

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Dear Mr. Scapelliti,

Thank you for contacting my office regarding your work with the One Campaign in Oakland County. I greatly appreciate you taking the time to meet with my staff, and share your support of the Millennium Development Goals. I understand that your organization has identified three pieces of legislation for support, the Global Food Security Act (H.R. 3077), the Initiating Foreign Assistance Reform Act (H.R. 2139), and the Paul Simon Water for the World Act (H.R. 2030). Your input is, and always will be, welcomed and appreciated.

The Global Food Security Act (H.R. 3077) was introduced by Rep. Betty McCollum on June 26, 2009. H.R. 3077 would designate a Special Coordinator for Food Security who will create a food security strategy to be implemented by the United States Agency International Development (USAID), create a Board for Higher Education Collaboration for Technology, Agriculture, Research & Extension, and establish a US fund for emergency rapid response to international food security crises. After it was introduced, H.R. 3077 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. While I do not serve on this committee, I will keep your views in mind should this legislation come to the floor of the House for a vote.

The Paul Simon Water for the World Act (H.R. 2030) was introduced by Rep. Earl Blumenauer on April 22, 2009. H.R. 2030 seeks to provide 100 million people with first-time access to safe drinking water by 2015. H.R. 2030 would call on USAID to establish an Office of Water within the Bureau of Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade. The Office of Water will be required to coordinate with the US Department of State to address the easing of international water security tensions in an effort to provide a more comprehensive approach to providing safe drinking water to underdeveloped regions. H.R. 2030 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs after it was introduced. Again, while I do not serve on this committee, I will continue to monitor and review this legislation should it come before the floor of the House.

The Initiating Foreign Assistance Reform Act (H.R. 2139) was introduced by Rep. Howard Berman on April 28, 2009. H.R. 2139 would develop and implement a

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national strategy for global development to fight poverty and contribute to economic growth in developing countries. It would also create a system to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of US foreign assistance, including allowing greater transparency to taxpayers. Furthermore, the bill requires that any measurable performance goals implemented be sensitive to gender in developing countries. After introduction, H.R. 2139 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. In consideration of your support for this bill, I have reviewed it closely and found that it would establish common sense measures to allow for greater taxpayer transparency while making our existing foreign assistance funding more effective. I have decided to cosponsor this important legislation, and plan to support it when it comes to the floor of the House for a vote.

I would like to thank you again for contacting me. I always enjoy hearing from constituents, and hope that you take the time to contact me again soon. For more information, please feel free to visit my website, <http://www.peters.house.gov>, or contact Hy Safran in my Troy office at (248) 273-4227.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary C. Peters". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Gary C. Peters
Member of Congress