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The Honorable Marco Rubio  
Secretary of State  
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Mr. Steve Witkoff  
U.S. Special Envoy to the Middle East  
Executive Office of the President  
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Dear Secretary Rubio and Special Envoy Witkoff,

The continued and worsening humanitarian crisis in Gaza is unconscionable and it is the responsibility of U.S. Government officials, including the State Department, the Executive Office of the President, and your respective personnel, to ensure that lifesaving aid supplied by the United States is sent to and reaches those who it is intended to help. Without clear lines of accountability for the people and organizations tasked with carrying out the critical mission of feeding a civilian population that includes the elderly, the disabled, women, and children, the crisis will only continue to intensify with no clear end in sight.

Recent reports from the World Health Organization indicate that malnutrition in Gaza is reaching unprecedented levels, marked by a spike of deaths in July. As of July, the entirety of the population under five years old in the Gaza Strip, amounting to more than 320,000 children, are considered at risk for acute malnutrition, many of whom suffer from severe acute malnutrition – the deadliest form of undernutrition.<sup>1</sup> Despite President Trump's recent acknowledgement that there is "real starvation"<sup>2</sup> happening in Gaza, and his claim that "I want to make sure they get the food, every ounce of food..."<sup>3</sup> we have not yet seen the necessary action to ensure that aid reaches those who need it the most. The recent incineration of U.S. food aid meant for Gaza is an outrageous failure that underscores the Administration's mismanagement of this humanitarian crisis. Words without action at this time of need amount to nothing.

The Gaza Strip is in urgent need of large-scale, sustained efforts that will supply the population with nutritious food, as well as medical and therapeutic supplies, especially for women and children. I urge the Trump Administration to ensure that the mission of feeding civilians in Gaza is carried out immediately, and that all other actors in the region, including Hamas, provide full cooperation in the effective delivery of aid.

Sincerely,



Raja Krishnamoorthi  
Member of Congress

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<sup>1</sup> World Health Organization, 'Malnutrition rates reach alarming levels in Gaza - WHO warns', [2025](#)

<sup>2</sup> New York Times, 'For Trump, Starvation in Gaza Tests His Foreign Policy Approach', [2025](#)

<sup>3</sup> Id.