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Dear Friends:

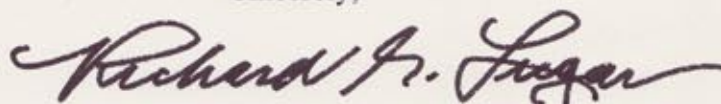
Recognizing that proper nutrition is the core foundation for providing equal opportunities to youth in education, I have been a proponent of overall food security in our communities and nation for decades. As Kroger kicks off their 22nd Annual Scouting for Food Drive, I am pleased to issue a call for action, along with my friend and former First Lady Judy O'Bannon, to Hoosiers who will come forward to help those who face the hardships of hunger.

When hunger is alleviated, individuals are able to contribute in more meaningful ways to the success of their families and communities. I believe that as a nation, and as individuals, we can do more to improve the lives of those in need. As a co-chairman of the Senate Hunger Caucus, I will continue to promote programs that address nutrition for vulnerable children, incentives for charitable food donations, and overall food security for our nation.

I am grateful for the stretch efforts of our Boy and Girl Scouts in this critical endeavor and the tremendous investment and leadership Kroger provides for this worthy cause. I am also grateful for the tireless work of our food pantry and food bank workers and volunteers who work tirelessly to make sure emergency food assistance is available for those who need it. I ask our Hoosier residents to be generous when the Scouts come knocking at your door for food donations and also when visiting Kroger stores during this March 20 through April 24th *Scouting for Food Drive*.

Again, please accept my profound thanks to all of you for your important help and work at a time when need is especially high.

Sincerely,



Richard G. Lugar
United States Senator