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Dear Representative Cherfilus-McCormick,

Thank you for serving our district with values that promote compassion, progress, and opportunity for all. I know you strive to extend these implicit values in your work as our representative in Congress, including on the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Chef José Andrés' guest essay in The New York Times on July 27, 2025, is a compelling call to action—to feed the people of Gaza immediately through actionable, proven solutions. According to every free and independent report, and as evidenced by Israel's own attempts to drop aid during temporary cease-fires, the current Israeli-American-backed operation led by the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF) is failing. GHF is not adhering to the core principles of humanitarian aid, nor is it effectively addressing widespread starvation or establishing the conditions for peace amidst Israel's ongoing military campaign in Gaza.

I write today to implore you: the salvation of Gaza is a moral imperative of the highest urgency. I urge you to advocate for the implementation of Chef Andrés' World Central Kitchen (WCK) framework for feeding those in need. Additionally, I ask that you support efforts to restore full United Nations operations aimed at providing food and humanitarian relief to the Palestinian people. Both WCK and the UN have decades of combined experience working in some of the harshest and most dangerous conditions that rival even those faced by many of our own veterans of war.

Furthermore, Israel must not be permitted to continue waging war on Gaza's civilian population. If the United States fails to help achieve a diplomatic solution now, history will rightly judge us for allowing such suffering to unfold in real time. Israel deserves the safe return of its remaining hostages and the opportunity to live in peace—and so do the Palestinian people, who are rightful neighbors and descendants of this land.

A just and free society can emerge in Gaza only by first protecting its people, feeding them, and securing their future as peaceful neighbors to Israel. You have a unique opportunity to help shape a better future in the Middle East before the world descends further into chaos. This too is happening on our watch—unless leaders like you speak up and act.

By working for the salvation of the Palestinian people—restoring their minds, bodies, health, and communities—you also safeguard the moral foundations of democracy for generations to come.

Respectfully submitted,

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