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LETTER FROM MAZON’S NEW PRESIDENT & CEO
To my new friends at MAZON
It is my great honor to greet you as President & CEO of MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger. I look forward to bringing my passion for advocacy and justice to the struggle to end hunger.

The need for MAZON—its advocacy, its policy work and its grantmaking—is more critical than ever before in our lifetime. Nearly 50 million Americans, including 17 million children, live in households that suffer from food insecurity and are unable to fully afford the food they need to survive. There is every indication that number of hungry people in America will continue to grow.

This is simply unacceptable, and you and I are in the unique and fortunate position to do something about it.

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