

TEXT OF AMBASSADOR HALEY'S FEBRUARY 27, 2017 LETTER TO UN  
SYG GUTERRES:

Dear Mr. Secretary-General:

I am writing to nominate Governor David Beasley as the U.S. candidate for Executive Director of the World Food Programme.

Whether it is in Yemen, Syria, Somalia, or dozens of other places around the world - the World Food Programme is facing formidable challenges in its mission to end hunger and malnutrition. New problem areas are emerging while existing problems sink into crisis, and intentional acts of corruption and terrorism are complicating difficult conditions of poverty and natural disasters.

With serious nutritional shortcomings in over 80 countries, the massive proportions of the problem demand a leader who can efficiently manage a major enterprise while showing genuine concern for each one of the 795 million people suffering from hunger around the world.

I personally have seen those qualities in our nominee, as have numerous members of the U.S. Congress, international leaders, and important figures in international development and humanitarian aid. I know you will hear from many of them in the coming days, because Governor Beasley's notable career in business and public service has been marked by a unique, compelling brand of principled leadership. In business, he developed a reputation for honesty and integrity that carried over into his career in public service.

In elected office, he mastered management, fundraising and communication. And perhaps most importantly, in his recent peacebuilding and development work, he honed the skills of international diplomacy, with an eye toward lifting up the vulnerable and disadvantaged.

The United States recognizes in Governor Beasley the skills and qualifications necessary to lead the World Food Programme if he is selected. In our discussions, Governor Beasley showed the fortitude and commitment necessary to:

- Make the difficult decisions required to address simultaneous, top-tier hunger crises;
  - Improve the safety and security of the courageous women and men who serve the WFP around the world;
  - Reform the management and operations of the WFP to serve more people with existing resources;
  - Cast a wider net and diversify the donor base supporting fundraising efforts;
- and
- Empower communities to sustainably feed themselves and their neighbors.

As the largest supporter of the World Food Programme, the United States has a major stake in the success of the WFP. If selected, we believe that Governor Beasley's characteristics as a compassionate humanitarian, strong manager, and dedicated public servant will ensure that our country's investment produces a

reliable return for all those working to end hunger. Please reach out to us if my office can be of assistance. God bless.

My very best,

Ambassador Nikki R. Haley Permanent Representative  
of the United States of America to the United Nations

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