

## **ACTION ALERT: Ask Your Representative to Support Funding for Vulnerable Children Worldwide**

**Deadline: March 11**

Congress is now shaping the Fiscal Year 2027 National Security, Department of State and Related Programs Appropriations bill which provides annual funding for low-income countries. We need your help to ensure the bill includes strong funding for vulnerable children around the world.

### **Take Action**

**Please call [your Representative](#) this week.** Ask for the staffer handling foreign affairs or appropriations issues and urge their boss to sign onto the bipartisan letter led by Representatives Castro (D-TX), McCormick (R-GA) and others supporting **\$31.5 million for the Vulnerable Children Account.**

### **Call Script**

Hello, my name is [Your Name], and I am a constituent from [City, State].

I am calling to urge Representative [Last Name] to sign onto the bipartisan Castro–McCormick letter being circulated now requesting \$31.5 million for the Vulnerable Children Account in the Fiscal Year 2027 National Security, State Department Appropriations bill.

This funding is critical to implementing the [Global Child Thrive Act](#) and supports early childhood development programs that help children survive, learn, and thrive.

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Thank you for considering this request.

**\*If you are unable to call, please email your Representative this week.**

### **Email Template: Sign the Castro–McCormick Letter Supporting Global Vulnerable Children Funding**

**Subject:** Please Sign the Castro–McCormick Letter Supporting \$31.5M for Vulnerable Children (Deadline March 11)

Dear Representative [Last Name],

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As Congress considers Fiscal Year 2027 funding priorities, I respectfully ask that you contact Representative Castro or Representative McCormick’s office or [use this link](#) to sign onto this important bipartisan letter before the March 11 deadline.

Thank you for considering this request.