Date

(Name of your senator/ representative)
US Senate/House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator/Rep Name,

I am a student at Waterloo East High School and I am writing to urge you to support XXXXX XXXXX.

The numbers can be overwhelming.  Around the world, nearly 1 billion people are hungry, and one child dies every 3.6 seconds from poverty, lack of clean water, hunger, and preventable diseases. XXXX

Using federal dollars to respond to these issues of poverty not only puts the United States in a position of international leadership, but it’s also clear that poverty reducing international aid directly comes back to positively impact American jobs. In 2011, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce called on Congress to better fund international aid programs. The world’s largest business federation opposed all cuts to the International Affairs Budget stating, “Diplomacy and development programs are essential to creating jobs and spurring economic growth in the United States.” 1 out of 5 American jobs are export related and 45% of our exports now go to developing nations.  The Paul Simon Water for the World act is one more opportunity to encourage consumer growth in developing markets.

If passed, the XXXXXX Act would provide XXXXX for XXX million people.  XXXX is an important part of stabilizing the future for these individuals, and an important step to opening new markets for US companies. I urge you to cosponsor House/Senate Bill X.XXX.

I would also like to thank you for taking the time to read my concerns, and giving consideration to supporting this bill.

Sincerely,

Your Name
Your Address