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The Honorable Bob Dole
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Dear Bob:

You have been involved in this fight to end hunger for as long as I have; you understand the issues and the ways to address them. From the letter that you so generously sent to Senator Brownback, on the Capital Area Food Bank's behalf, it is clear that you know well the world of hunger in Washington, DC.

The Marriott family of companies and foundations has been steadfast in our commitment to the Capital Area Food Bank. Through our partnership, we have provided vehicles, grants for general operating support, in-kind donations and volunteer and board involvement to help alleviate hunger in the nation's capital.

Now, Don Graham, Abe Pollin, Bennett Zier and I, all fellow Food Bank supporters, have come together to lead a capital campaign for the Capital Area Food Bank to help acquire and renovate a new warehouse to enable them to double, and eventually triple the amount of food they can distribute to agencies such as Bread for the City and N Street Village.

The federal appropriation of \$2.7 million we are requesting, and for which you wrote your letter of support, represents only fifteen percent of the total \$20 million dollars that we are raising. The four of us are dedicated to raising the remainder of the campaign from foundations, corporations, and individuals that are passionate about ending hunger in our community. Thank you for adding your support to this effort; your assistance will make this goal unquestionably easier to reach.

Warm personal regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Bill".

J. W. Marriott, Jr.