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Dear Friends,

Thank you to the United Hebrew Congregation for hosting the *This is Hunger* interactive exhibit as it makes its way through communities across the country. A special thank you to MAZON for bringing the exhibit to St. Louis.

Families in every community across the nation struggle with food insecurity. It's not just an urban or a rural problem. It doesn't just affect those on the margins. It's a challenge that is felt in each of our neighborhoods and one in which we all have a responsibility in addressing. Efforts from faith-based organizations, such as MAZON, serve a vital role in highlighting the struggles that families face, including hunger.

Thank you again for the work you are doing to bring awareness to hunger issues, but more importantly, thank you to MAZON and all involved for working to solve hunger issues in your communities.

Sincere regards,



Roy Blunt
United States Senator

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Dear Friends,

Greetings! It is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to the *This is Hunger* tour. I am proud that this event will be hosted across the country, and I commend MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger, Empower Missouri, Federation of Reformed Temples (FORT) and all the participating partners for uniting to bring this interactive educational experience to St. Louis.

As you well know, poverty, and the hunger that can accompany poverty, affects millions of people in America and even more around the world. Nearly one billion people suffer from chronic hunger worldwide, and more than 3.5 million children die from under-nutrition each year. Sadly, Missouri is no exception to this global crisis. Our state has the seventh highest food insecurity rate in the United States. For me, the prevalence of hunger in our communities is not just a social issue but a moral one as well. That is why I commend all the tour organizers for raising awareness of this critical issue and also empowering our communities to take action. Rest assured that your dedication to enhancing the lives of others is strengthening our nation and advancing our country's most cherished values.

Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable and rewarding experience at the *This is Hunger* tour as well as my sincere appreciation for all your efforts to inform our citizens of this pressing global and local issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Claire McCaskill". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Claire" being more prominent and larger than the last name "McCaskill".

Claire McCaskill
United States Senator