

United States Senate

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

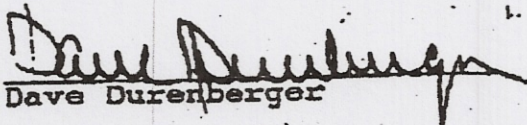
Dear Mr. President,

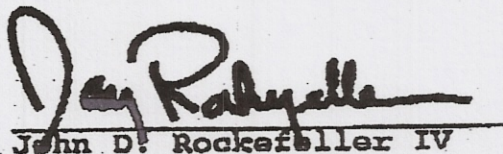
We are writing to urge you to include shelf-ready canned goods in the \$1 billion aid package to the Soviet Union. It is important for this emergency assistance package to approach the problem of hunger in the Soviet Union in a multifaceted manner.

It is clear that there is a food crisis in the Soviet Union. Concerns have been raised over the ability of the Soviet food distribution system to utilize bulk commodities before they spoil. For this reason, the US aid package should include both canned as well as bulk foods. Canned foods will help the Soviet people in the short term while the bulk foods are being distributed and processed.

A broad based policy for this emergency assistance will help both the United States as well as the Soviet people. Canned goods should be included in this aid package. We thank you in advance for your serious consideration of this manner.

Sincerely,


Dave Durenberger


John D. Rockefeller IV

cc: The Honorable Edward Madigan
Department of Agriculture
The Honorable James Baker
Department of State