**Sample Letter to the Editor: Responding to an Article**

Use this letter as a template to write your own letter to the editor.

Dear Editor,

The excellent editorial by Students Against Hunger neglected to mention an important way we can all personally help end world hunger: Eat plants.

Raising animals for food uses far more resources than growing vegetables, grain, or beans. For example, a cow grazing on one acre of land produces enough meat to sustain a person for only two and a half months; whereas soybeans grown on that same acre would nourish a person for seven years! U.S. livestock alone consume about one-third of the world’s total grain harvest, as well as more than 70 percent of the grain grown in the United States.

What this means is that we can produce more food for people to eat if we consume plant foods directly—and not indirectly by eating animals who have been fed the grains and other crops.

Whether you are a world-hunger activist, an environmentalist who wants to decrease your ecological footprint, an athlete who wants more strength and energy, a dieter looking to decrease body fat, or someone who does not want to participate in the torture and mutilation of animals, a vegetarian diet is for you. Learn more about vegetarianism—and how to get free stuff like stickers and videos—at peta2.com.

Sincerely,

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