**Suggested outline for your letter to Speaker Ryan:**

The Speaker of the House of Representatives

United States Capitol

Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker,

         Introduce yourself including

o   The name of your religious congregation

o   Where you live

o   Your ministry experience

         Briefly explain the impact of an area(s) of the budget

o   Talk about your personal experience

o   Tell a story about how the cuts will affect your ministry, your local community

         Highlight any of the principles of [Catholic Social Teaching](https://u1686704.ct.sendgrid.net/wf/click?upn=5s-2BHl8UmL3Nz2Zl0lXPwUxPCsaaLc51zhLYMCrt4zYZAbdXxaxNNExe-2B9-2FoPCMg9ktR-2FbD-2FVfad90jPT1pmsBjWRXvueSHsXvGixz88sbveEbb-2FREezQ3t9jzz4ZOZvrfMwDtJkQync9CCaxttsD0JrhmvfMtJvZ-2FDk-2B4y-2FI-2BH5fnYvSttFqV3bYWCpLrDgZgDDyG3NL5w2pG1LySDWUnN1M7MK-2FHp-2FsGK-2FbL6M-2FXhHLzQn1ZJ3WPSFJUXbhdLTo-2FzgBaCxOqcQT1DYplrj5zKULo2lxW34a1PEccd-2B0avj63EYmsqet9lUQZFth10v1onFshYYR2PuKrXvr7-2BlRn8PNhMlD3534t5NgJ0WMVERSXOAu-2FkWC-2BMIC5-2BQG37f0-2FvixiWpKKl-2BKY0501YEI7F23ub27yBdf9M0LLt5bH-2FQyfqvc7JseOzNpI-2BfbqG-2FdzGAV9nkubTzgFdvrbQYrHAcXNMFZ-2FZuzBFpPSq2pP502TyYiaL7kLToxUlCCYvHH7AlmRkJiK9nIE-2FURFzU7mSnAtiDVKpexEKJuQn5UAdFN2rj3vQ2j05eTXNyMI3W2GLRAIW-2BFm8kn17x5DNKzCc10soi6cMZsSYfAII17ksjFw1wXSUsi6N5ylqnZLBqL3yfHW0lD14lQmobZWAsDf4oXVT5ziLtyoDRfRyfq9HBkIlPBdyQz-2Ff4sM0FvgvqN_-2BL2xbdii4CTgUu4VTkH6-2BFzQsAHCcMTJdFwqyBdU0Lq9oRf2-2FxUMvh02P0-2BmD8A-2BSGe1ieYurTbScM5xgmM0vMBcKFMauZKXd75lLQZZp9QcggI1ZS0MSIQslIaSSYJ9W5ZdrzDOwOfPg51f35uos1thRH9wzGHE8mV1juxBfYpcHy-2BePSBSo8OeItBhyBRp6xfKbyNmWNCa4OsvOPkkB9besRlpd-2FBasN5o0IkWZOU-3D) that apply:

o   Dignity of the human person

o   Call to seek the common good

o   Rights and responsibilities

o   Dignity of work and rights of workers

o   Preferential option for those made vulnerable and poor

o   Solidarity

o   Care for creation

         Thank Speaker Ryan for his service and promise your continued prayers.

Resources about the budget and details about the campaign are available at: [https://networklobby.org/sistersbudgetletters/](https://u1686704.ct.sendgrid.net/wf/click?upn=5s-2BHl8UmL3Nz2Zl0lXPwUxPCsaaLc51zhLYMCrt4zYZAbdXxaxNNExe-2B9-2FoPCMg9Svo3g4hz-2Bay02r3-2ByISKngqyYMtOLuGpOuM-2FmMvOo1TzPc5uZvv525jJWRY-2B35T21Xh4ReiatfsVGae1R2kTsjokbrYkxEkPx4WMX1ELbOJVaVJ9xfOduvaXaLm3oKH8uIW7da-2FEGDeLKOi-2Boz3ZkooKBEePvD3H-2Bgd-2FiLD-2BNNuEND3MlAeEQ-2FlR1v53hwRNvSyLqsbZH-2Bp-2Bjox5zLzJy-2FqDLI8ZLbeFIXjk8MOLGMzzAutoqLXxtBK4ZO-2BnYC34yIEcE7Ac-2B44UZuGQYaEnIsH7xeZoQRRczEwiWmJsJBZHK2P18csDBJQt9c-2BtIAEjzIq8QNh8LQUaMQOveqCNlbgA2tBAYohb9Uaom9kG54BuoOe1NKPL2JBoNnf1LPXtcvQbE2murwghUIuGMf-2FEnlQGZEWDbWWTzQxiOBZHqWkTCHcDzLO7jrXNmaGhmLp3otOqGPkAxDhoW2XNhnjoMeZ5K7WSkvsJVndYsApavJ8-3D_-2BL2xbdii4CTgUu4VTkH6-2BFzQsAHCcMTJdFwqyBdU0Lq9oRf2-2FxUMvh02P0-2BmD8A-2ByD3ttEAwjOM-2BTC6NC2W1d-2FshVxUaqB6jJAi1D-2BhOcAeudrJz9zBDFAd3BkBBdlwK99BZA1vbafQ-2FpeJxxMF7CO78A1R1IWcK2UMgF-2FNteKIcYJUVkcbfVoecppgqHqQyhPpUa8NOJw-2Bb8k1nloCNCn0gONT2iZaCqHtxvsVnOn4-3D). Please print and mail your letters to NETWORK Lobby, 25 E. Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20001 **by November 10**. If you have any questions, please email [info@networklobby.org](mailto:info@networklobby.org).

Please also send an electronic copy of your letter to Kathleen Kanat, RSHM whose ideas and commitment continue to inspire this effort.  Please also take time to visit the “A Fair and Moral Budget: Nuns Write Letters to Paul Ryan” [Facebook page](https://u1686704.ct.sendgrid.net/wf/click?upn=5s-2BHl8UmL3Nz2Zl0lXPwUxPCsaaLc51zhLYMCrt4zYZAbdXxaxNNExe-2B9-2FoPCMg9Svo3g4hz-2Bay02r3-2ByISKnkO7HjP9aHgP23i3qeOHf662plZ-2FBo30wUKltXIzQYoLKVUiWLCU3OqJ0oRs1gOLM2xKpuMGLDBMWYf0LwV2mLWOtGoaWXXoQNlL8Jt6E-2BvGXdn-2FSGhoZKQbJgICeRJbJgLPkaRqYWDmCjfrD8HnumWlsitDLamxTAa5nLjVUVxdPosdwTLncOJ4xevWViDWoihT5jXWvY0hSzeOtXOdfJQb6EI2UCznCwBsKD-2BhSSQWv29LYIIzU6nul1YbhsMVhGOynwS5WElYxYyzNBGCIPt3d0m7VrhyMeo0sKOWVEikXUwhTdbUEMaQJFZJTkMxmxExfSPGPKG3PB2QfDCuvf0JvklH1LSuUVU5egeC1fduMTofXGOH9wm3wrlb2SFsYqWOLYoBrlwHlH1oyQZw-2FFgqCjkcC6VyJqIHMx2r3P68pobej-2FI172ChUFJZ2I5Q6Gr4-2BRAYnvaPFhxf14v41GxbQmBjE9DxIpmhDcXw45oudz9m71VEUbqiH5cpS4j5GsNWVLF5Nk8TkzIb01SmgujNk0krmiUCC2BXiZblWB-2Fv_-2BL2xbdii4CTgUu4VTkH6-2BFzQsAHCcMTJdFwqyBdU0Lq9oRf2-2FxUMvh02P0-2BmD8A-2B003cBV7M4gcHUUNT-2FfMMstife7uMrPgvDSFSitjVDw1tmpYGbMdPfav2I68lc8uYuFnTpcEen7VT8c3-2B2pRB1xYr0N8WIW5-2BVpmc8boSRT9qwXh8Z07YE3bDWL5nfiZovxGNT4akvxxuMRhWKfXRo-2B2sZO8xG4yv-2BQPLR9GljdE-3D) and post something about your plans, a photo of your letter writing, a picture of your ministry, etc.

**Additional Resources:**

* “How Trump’s ‘America First’ Budget Violates 5 Key Justice Principles of Catholic Social Teaching,” by Meghan Clark (March 17, 2017) in Millennial Journal, [https://millennialjournal.com/author/meghanclarkmillennial](https://u1686704.ct.sendgrid.net/wf/click?upn=5s-2BHl8UmL3Nz2Zl0lXPwUxPCsaaLc51zhLYMCrt4zYZAbdXxaxNNExe-2B9-2FoPCMg9Svo3g4hz-2Bay02r3-2ByISKnvnWbzQgaRj9Jp9wT2ALIAKjTv2wWqf7n2gz0KkvI8Z46Q1SkJYN29fVyOPPAf3jXLkLdD2CYGuYcXkIIzGvxGBf3CzE45JEH1fTcmca9z7Io36gbFfcv7lQPJCiNZ-2Bo1OZlxYM5QXKCXSLco-2FNPuA4MS0yKA5IlnayKmXklQxMtC-2BQI06B7Q0tw3yUcmJ6P-2FLxlCCvrG86RqEQGUyWwMY60sHtvzbmlW6vSsQoBg6kPhuCw-2FHohTpHfc23bG05s1QICJMHyNuOcvmyToVvPyqTDc7lm1JvMsF4zyON7UCtkZMWWs2axuN7HQuULh8yyEyqR0EihgnFRNwcZk9-2Fq7W-2BBpPz-2FYbJVLpVjShX0yILoFla5mMRvFKHfDBNviEi68-2F690uH1cusy7fcVTIqUlF1xmmo59edmGkPYbHWqP5fuaynMwmwtBMg9rJ4VhrcuMUTg9IkefwWnhzJELml97ltqA-2B36rvnWLr-2FO1HE1GrVo_-2BL2xbdii4CTgUu4VTkH6-2BFzQsAHCcMTJdFwqyBdU0Lq9oRf2-2FxUMvh02P0-2BmD8A-2B9vEFljD7mYUrsNEr3PRbyRJbWprmBHlD80A3IF4aFvfI6slxuNJ-2FK2Qidb682pkFRopMCnU4Od78-2FRNMsWjWAdUHERI2IM7Adfgju-2FfmYX9w9VWS-2FO70c0BSfxJ0gxZIooIJYxU4GvTC4pMglDgUTiLEIyGs8AT8LUVOvHZfEwk-3D).