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The Honorable James Risch
Chairman
Foreign Relations Committee
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Bob Menendez
Ranking Member
Foreign Relations Committee
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The Honorable Eliot Engel
Chairman
Foreign Affairs Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Michael McCaul
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Risch, Ranking Member Menendez, Chairman Engel, and Ranking Member McCaul,

Thank you for your strong leadership in support of U.S. funding for global health and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria (Global Fund). These investments are saving lives every day while they advance America's humanitarian, health security, and economic interests.

We thank you for your initiative, in particular your recently introduced resolutions, H.Res. 517 and S.Res. 318, in support of the Global Fund and its lifesaving work. We are writing to urge you to move these resolutions to the floor of your respective chambers in advance of the Global Fund's Sixth Replenishment Conference in Lyon, France on October 9th and 10th to show U.S. commitment and rally other donors to step up the fight.

As you know, the House passed and Senate has advanced appropriations legislation for Fiscal Year 2020 that includes a significant contribution from the United States to the Global Fund at \$1.56 billion, along with report language anticipating similar amounts for the remaining two years of the Sixth Replenishment. We believe your resolutions are critical to signal congressional support for the Global Fund in Lyon in addition to these appropriations bills.

By working hand in hand with implementing countries and U.S. bilateral programs, like the President's Emergency Plan for Aids Relief (PEPFAR), the U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID) Tuberculosis Program, and the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI), the Global Fund partnership has saved over 32 million lives since its inception in 2002. Its annual Results Report released in September 2019 shows that the Fund has supported 18.9 million people on anti-retroviral treatment for HIV, has treated 5.3 million people for TB, and has distributed 131 million insecticide-treated bed nets for malaria prevention.

To better tailor the HIV/AIDS programs to those most in need, the Global Fund has increased investments fivefold to fight the gender inequalities that have made adolescent girls and young

women in Sub-Saharan Africa twice as likely to be HIV positive compared to their male peers. Similarly, progress on the TB epidemic hinges on finding the nearly four million missing cases each year. The Global Fund's focused efforts have found and placed an additional 920,000 TB patients on treatment compared to the baseline of 2015. The Global Fund has also leveraged its negotiating power to lower the cost of an insecticidal mosquito net to less than \$2, enabling distribution of more than 11 million extra nets.

Congressional support for the Global Fund has been critical in its ongoing success and lifesaving work. Thank you again for your vision and dedication on global health, and for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

American Jewish World Service
American Medical Student Association
American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene
American Thoracic Society
AVAC
Better World Campaign
CARE USA
Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE)
ChildFund International
CORE Group
Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Friends of the Global Fight
Fund for Global Health
GBCHealth
Georgia AIDS Coalition
Global Citizen
Global Communities
Global Health Council
Global Network of Black People Working in HIV
HealthGAP
Heartland Alliance International
IAVI
InterAction
International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease
IntraHealth International
John Snow, Inc. (JSI)
Malaria Foundation International
Malaria No More
Management Sciences for Health (MSH)
Mercy-USA for Aid and Development
MPact Global Action for Gay Men's Health & Rights

National Tuberculosis Controllers Association
Nothing But Nets
Oxfam America
Palladium
Partners in Health
PAI
PATH
RESULTS
Save the Children
Stop TB USA
TB Alliance
The AIDS Institute
The Episcopal Church
The ONE Campaign
The United Methodist Church – General Board of Church and Society
The United States People living with HIV Caucus
Treatment Action Group
United Methodist Global AIDS Committee
U.S. Fund for UNICEF
Vital Strategies
We Are TB
World Vision