

August 2, 2018

The Honorable Richard Shelby
U.S. Senate
Committee on Appropriations
Washington DC, 20510

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
U.S. Senate
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rodney Frelinghuysen
U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Appropriations
Washington DC, 20515

The Honorable Nita Lowey
U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Shelby, Ranking Member Leahy, Chairman Frelinghuysen, and Ranking Member Lowey:

Global Health Council and the organizations below ask for continued robust funding for global health; nutrition; and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) programs as you work to finalize the Fiscal Year 2019 State and Foreign Operations (SFOPS) and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education (LHHS) spending bills. We appreciate the work that the House and Senate committees have done thus far, and the continued support for global health and foreign assistance.

We ask that you please accept the highest global health, nutrition, and WASH numbers from each SFOPS bill (see attached chart) when they differ, specifically, tuberculosis; maternal and child health; nutrition; family planning; vulnerable children; and the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). We also ask that statutory language that codifies the expansion of the Mexico City Policy to all global health programs be removed, as it would undermine global health programs. In addition, we request that any remaining unspent Ebola International Disaster Assistance funding be transferred to the global health security program and Emergency Reserve Fund at USAID to ensure both quick-action and long-term programmatic efforts are maintained, similar to what the Senate SFOPS subcommittee has proposed.

Additionally, we ask that you accept the higher LHHS legislation levels for the Fogarty International Center and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, both at the National Institutes of Health. As well as the highest numbers for the Center for Emerging Zoonotic and Infectious Diseases and the Center for Global Health, both at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Global health works, and returns on investments in global health are particularly impressive. U.S. leadership in global health has contributed to a halving of preventable child deaths, a 60 percent decrease in deaths from malaria, and a 45 percent reduction in maternal mortality since 1990. It has also supported life-saving antiretroviral treatment (ART) for more than 14 million men, women, and children, through PEPFAR.

Modest increased investments in these accounts accelerate progress towards real and tangible results: eliminating infectious disease epidemics, ending preventable maternal and child deaths, achieving an AIDS-free generation, and protecting the American public from health threats. Specifically, increased funding would train more health workers to identify and treat tuberculosis patients; accelerate progress toward meeting global targets on stunting, breastfeeding, anemia, and wasting; and strengthen countries' abilities to prevent, detect, and respond to outbreaks such as Ebola and Zika.

We encourage you to maintain robust investments in global health, while also maintaining funding for other critical humanitarian and development programs that enable the United States to reach its goal of ending extreme poverty and creating a more stable, prosperous world.

Thank you for your consideration and the committees' continued commitment to global health programming. If you have any questions please contact Danielle Heiberg at Global Health Council, at dheiberg@globalhealth.com.

Sincerely,

1,000 Days
Academy of Women's Health
Action Against Hunger
Action on Smoking and Health
Advocates for Youth
AIDS United
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Heart Association
American International Health Alliance
American Medical Student Association
American Psychological Association
American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene
American Thoracic Society
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care
AVAC
Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation
Every Mother Counts
Friends of the Global Fight Against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
Frontline Health Workers Coalition
Fund for Global Health
Global Citizen
Global Health Council
Global Health Technologies Coalition

Heartland Alliance International
Housing Works, Inc.
Infectious Diseases Society of America
IntraHealth International
Ipas
John Snow, Inc.
Maternal & Infant Health Consulting (M&IHC)
Meridian Group International, Inc.
Millennium Water Alliance
PAI
Partners In Health
PATH
Pathfinder International
Planned Parenthood Federation of America
Population Council
Population Institute
RESULTS
Save the Children
Seed Global Health
Shot@Life
SPOON
The Hunger Project
Treatment Action Group
UPIC Health

cc: Chairman Lindsey Graham
Chairman Roy Blunt
Ranking Member Patty Murray
Chairman Harold Rogers
Chairman Tom Cole
Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro

FY19 Appropriations

Key accounts (in thousands)

Global Health Programs (USAID and State)	FY19 Recommendation <i>(Highest of House or Senate)</i>
Maternal and Child Health	\$845,000
of which Gavi	\$290,000
Polio in all accounts	\$59,000
Family Planning in all accounts	\$632,550
Nutrition	\$145,000
Vulnerable Children	\$25,000
Malaria	\$755,000
Tuberculosis	\$302,000
Neglected Tropical Diseases	\$106,000
HIV/AIDS (USAID)	\$330,000
HIV/AIDS (bilateral, State)	\$4,370,000
Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria	\$1,350,000
Global Health Security and Emerging Health Threats	\$172,550
<i>Emergency Reserve Fund</i>	\$294,250*
Water (in all accounts)	\$435,000
CDC (Center for Global Health)	\$488,621
of which Global Public Health Protection	\$108,200
CDC (Center for Emerging Zoonotic and Infectious Diseases)	\$617,572
NIH (HHS)	
Fogarty International Center	\$78,150
NIAID	\$5,506,190

* Transfer of remaining unspent Ebola response funds