

March 29, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
Room S-128, The Capitol  
Washington D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard Shelby  
Room S-128, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro, Ranking Member Granger, Chairman Leahy, and Vice Chairman Shelby,

We, the undersigned non-governmental and civil society organizations, write to thank you for your leadership in support of the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), by providing a \$100 million for Fiscal Year 2022 toward a US contribution to CEPI as a part of the Omnibus Appropriations bill.

This funding is critical for CEPI's ambitious mission of compressing the timeframe developing safe and effective vaccines against viral threats to just 100 days. We are grateful for this commitment, which is key to jumpstarting CEPI's next five-year strategy, and the global collaboration needed to help safeguard the world from future pandemics. CEPI's unique focus on supporting global, equitable access to health products and capacity building are critical components of this work and—as we have seen from COVID-19--will help protect Americans and the world from future pandemic threats.

We are grateful for Congress' leadership, providing authority for the US Government to participate in CEPI, emergency COVID-19 response funds, and now this initial contribution to CEPI's mission and \$3.5 billion five-year plan. As you begin to consider funding for Fiscal Year 2023, we urge you to consider increasing this initial commitment to \$200 million. A total US contribution of \$1 billion—or, \$200 million per year over five years—would represent less than one-third of the resources required, a reasonable burden-share given contributions to other donors and on par with US contributions to peer multilateral health initiatives.

Again, thank you for your critical leadership during this time.

Signed,

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Global Health Technologies Coalition  
Global Citizen  
Management Sciences for Health  
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The Task Force for Global Health

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The Honorable Samantha Power  
Administrator, USAID  
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20523

Dear Administrator Power,

We, the undersigned non-governmental and civil society organizations, write to thank you for USAID's commitment of \$150 million over the next three years to support CEPI, that was announced during the Global Pandemic Preparedness Summit. This funding will be critical for CEPI's ambitious mission of compressing the timeframe for developing safe and effective vaccines against viral threats to just 100 days. We are grateful for this commitment, and we thank you for your own leadership and engagement during the Summit—an encouraging sign that the US government is strongly committed to supporting CEPI's work.

This commitment is key to jumpstarting CEPI's next five-year strategy, a vital component of the global collaboration needed to help safeguard the world from future pandemics. CEPI's unique focus on supporting global, equitable access to health products and capacity building supports USAID's own mission and mandate.

We are encouraged by strong congressional support for CEPI, including providing full legal authorization for the US government's commitments, \$50 million in emergency COVID funding and \$100 million for CEPI's core work as a part of the Fiscal Year 2022 Omnibus Appropriations bill. We are also encouraged to see CEPI prioritized in the recently released Fiscal Year 2023 President's Budget Request, through a requested \$500 million in mandatory funding over five years.

We hope USAID will continue to build on its initial commitment and our organizations are dedicated to continuing to work with you and Congress to ensure full funding is available to do so.

Again, thank you for your critical leadership during this time.

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