

The Honorable Senator Tim Kaine  
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The Honorable Senator Marco Rubio  
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To Chairman Kaine and Ranking Member Rubio:

We, the signed organizations of Christian Connections for International Health (CCIH), want to thank you both for your support of global health initiatives. These life-saving programs that address multiple global pandemics, such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, and most recently Covid-19 have been the model of bi-partisanship and demonstrated the very best of U.S. leadership on the global stage.

The leadership and stewardship of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has contributed greatly to that success. The Agency has supported local partners to improve health in their communities. The New Partnerships Initiative (NPI) has been one tool that has allowed USAID to leverage partners that have been underutilized in addressing global development, such as the faith-based community.

We greatly appreciate and support the legislation you put forward, the New Partnerships Initiative Authorization Act (S. 2509) which would make the NPI a permanent fixture of USAID's mission and a tool to help local partners build their capacity and allow for sustainable investments. We also thank you for the additional requirements listed below:

- Require the USAID Administrator to submit an annual report to Congress on the performance of NPI and demonstrate USAID has met requirements for the recruitment and management of non-governmental organizations (NGOs);
- Streamline access to USAID resources;
- Strengthen local organizations and build capacity with an emphasis on sustainability; and,
- Authorize \$250 million in each fiscal year from FY22 through FY26 specifically for NPI program grants, increasing awards to new and underutilized partners.

It is our hope that you and your staff would use this letter to encourage your colleagues in the Senate to support this legislation. Again, thank you for your leadership in global health. It is our hope that you will continue to view CCIH and our global membership as a resource.

Sincerely,

Blessings International (OK)  
Cameroon Baptist Convention Health Services  
Christian Connections for International Health (VA)  
CMMB (Catholic Medical Mission Board) (NY)  
Christian Medical and Dental Associations (TN)  
Christian Relief and Development Inc.  
CURE International (MI)  
The Dalton Foundation (OH)  
Expanded Church Response  
Friends of Shirati (PA)  
Global Anabaptist Health Network (CA)  
Global Health Ministries (MN)  
Health for All Nations (CA)  
Medical Compass (WA)  
Mennonite Central Committee U.S. (PA)  
SIL LEAD (DC)  
Uganda Protestant Medical Bureau  
World Hope (VA)  
World Relief (MD)  
World Renew (MI)  
World Renew Kenya