

September 20, 2023

<p>The Honorable Patty Murray Chairwoman Senate Appropriations Committee 154 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510</p>	<p>The Honorable Susan Collins Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee 413 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510</p>
<p>The Honorable Christopher Coons Chairman House Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs 218 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510</p>	<p>The Honorable Lindsey Graham Ranking Member House Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs 211 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510</p>

Dear Chairwoman Murray, Ranking Member Collins, Chairman Coons, and Ranking Member Graham:

Global Health Council is the leading member organization devoted to advancing global health priorities by uniting advocates, implementers, policymakers, and other stakeholders. We strongly encourage Congress' support for robust funding for global health; nutrition; water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), and biosafety and biosecurity programs within the International Affairs (150) account, as well as all other global health-related budgets as you consider final Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 appropriations. **At a minimum, we support funding at FY23 enacted levels and strongly encourage increased investments for these programs, in line with the highest dollar amount included in the House or Senate FY24 State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs (SFOPS) bills.**

Investments in these programs save lives, transform communities, and advance health equity. In concert with U.S. humanitarian and development programs, these programs are also cost-effective and support U.S. foreign assistance priorities to reduce poverty, achieve gender equality, promote human rights, and improve national and global security by supporting stable, resilient, and democratic communities. It is estimated that for every \$1 invested in health, there is an economic return of between \$2 to \$4 across developing countries.¹ We also support much needed investments in multilateral institutions, such as the World Health Organization (WHO); UNICEF; the UN Population Fund (UNFPA); Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance; the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria; and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), all of which leverage U.S. dollars to broaden impact and save more lives.

¹ <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/future-development/2020/07/21/how-investing-in-health-has-a-significant-economic-payoff-for-developing-economies/>

Americans consistently support global health and development assistance funding. U.S. global health programs deliver real results with wide ranging health, security, and economic benefits for the U.S. and the world. Continued U.S. investment in global health is needed to build on these achievements and safeguard against backsliding, as the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated lagging progress against some of the world's most pressing health challenges. U.S. leadership can accelerate progress toward the global goal of ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages by scaling up investments in effective bilateral and multilateral programs; supporting research, development, and innovation; and strengthening health systems.

Global Health Council, and the undersigned organizations, strongly urge Congress to ensure the final FY24 appropriations package reflects this urgent need. Additionally, we strongly urge Congress to support a clean PEPFAR reauthorization for a minimum of five years, ensuring this landmark program does not falter and maintains long-term program sustainability.

We are excited for the opportunity of continued bipartisan partnership with Members of Congress to ensure the U.S. maintains its leadership and impressive record of success in addressing global health challenges.

If you have any questions about our recommendations, please feel free to contact the Global Health Council at advocacy@globalhealth.org.

Sincerely,

1. Act Now: End AIDS (ANEA) Coalition
2. American Academy of Pediatrics
3. American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research
4. American Heart Association
5. American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene
6. AVAC
7. CARE USA
8. Chemonics International
9. Christian Connections for International Health
10. Conquering CHD
11. CORE Group
12. Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation
13. Fundación Estrellita de Belén
14. Fast-Track Cities Institute
15. Fred Hollows Foundation USA
16. Friends of the Global Fight Against AIDS, TB and Malaria
17. Global Alliance for Surgical, Obstetric, Trauma and Anaesthesia Care (G4 Alliance)
18. Global Health Action
19. Global Health Technologies Coalition
20. Human Rights Campaign
21. Integrate Health

22. International Association of Providers of AIDS Care
23. IntraHealth International
24. IMA World Health-Corus International
25. Ipas
26. Management Sciences for Health
27. NTI | bio (Nuclear Threat Initiative)
28. Pandemic Action Network
29. PAI
30. PATH
31. Pathfinder
32. Planned Parenthood Federation of America
33. Population Institute
34. Project HOPE
35. RESULTS
36. Save the Children
37. Shot@Life
38. Sightsavers
39. Smile Train
40. Surgeons of Hope
41. Task Force for Global Health
42. TB Alliance
43. Training for Health Equity Network: THEnet
44. Treatment Action Group
45. UNICEF USA
46. United to Beat Malaria
47. University Research Co, LLC
48. VillageReach
49. WaterAid
50. White Ribbon Alliance
51. WI-HER, LLC
52. Women's Refugee Commission
53. World Vision US