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Dear Chairmen Cochran and Frelinghuysen and Ranking Members Leahy and Lowey of the Committee on Appropriations, and Chairmen Graham and Rogers and Ranking Members Leahy and Lowey of the Subcommittee on Appropriations for State Department and Foreign Operations:

As members of the *Faith-based Coalition for Healthy Mothers and Children Worldwide*, we are championing the full funding for global health and development for the International Affairs Account, which represents approximately 1 percent of the total U.S. budget.

One critical element in this account is the ***Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria***. This public-private partnership fund over the past fifteen years has provided critical, strategic funding supporting programs in over 135 nations worldwide to *halve* HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria deaths. Its unique integration and coordination with U.S. bilateral funding including PEPFAR and the President's Malaria Initiative, launched by President Bush, has contributed to saving the lives of millions.

Today, more than 10 million people have access to anti-retroviral medications; 49 million lives have been saved with tuberculosis treatment; and more than 626 million treatments for malaria have all been provided through the efforts of the Global Fund.

Many of us have championed this funding since its inception during the Bush administration. And we are proud to have watched the historic successes abound, thanks to U.S. leadership.

Our faith and compassion for the vulnerable compel us to advocate for continued U.S. leadership and funding to maintain this extraordinary progress to eradicate AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.

Thank you for your consideration to fully fund the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria in FY18 at \$1.35 billion, the same level as FY16 and FY17.

Sincerely,

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