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Senator Patrick Leahy
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Dear Chairman Cochran and Ranking Member Leahy of the Committee on Appropriations and Chairman Graham and Ranking Member Leahy of the Subcommittee on Appropriations for State Department and Foreign Operations:

As American leaders of faith, we champion 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 key element in this account is the ***Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria***. This public-private partnership over the past 15 years has provided critical, strategic funding supporting programs in more than 100 nations worldwide to cut HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis (TB) and malaria deaths by one-third. Its unique coordination with U.S. bilateral funding, including both the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI), launched by President Bush, has contributed to saving the lives of more than 22 million people.

The good news is that today, thanks to Global Fund-supported programs, 11 million people have access to antiretroviral medications; 17.4 million cases of TB have been detected and treated; and more than 795 million insecticide-treated nets to prevent malaria have been distributed.

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.

With a proposed cut of \$425 million – or roughly one-third from FY 17 levels at \$1.35 billion– we predict that 565,250 fewer lives will be saved through Global Fund-supported programs alongside a loss of the potential to prevent 8 million new HIV, TB and malaria infections. This will severely curb the progress we have made in prevention and lives saved from these infectious diseases over the past 15 years.

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

Thank you for your consideration to fully fund the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in FY 19 at FY 16 and FY 17 enacted level of \$1.35 billion.

Sincerely,



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Founder and Chair, Hope Through Healing Hands

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