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Dear Chairwoman Lowey, Ranking Member Granger, Ranking Member Rogers, Chairman Shelby, Ranking Member Leahy, and Chairman Graham:

As leaders and influencers in the faith community, we write with deep appreciation to you as leaders of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees and Subcommittees on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs (SFOPS). The Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) SFOPS bills passed in the House and reported out of the Appropriations Committee in the Senate send an unmistakable message in their equally strong backing of the Global Fund to Fight Against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. It is a message of determination to help the most vulnerable worldwide survive the three most deadly epidemics and end those epidemics for good.

We are so thankful that both the House and Senate bills and their reports provide for the first increase for Global Fund in six years, at \$1,560,000,000; affirm they be fully disbursed up to the limits allowed under law; and anticipate a commitment over the Global Fund's 2020-2022 Replenishment period. The bills eschew any partisan differences to serve the most needy, insecure, or stigmatized people--all made in the image of the Creator. Your leadership allowed the Global Fund to meet an urgently needed \$14 billion goal for the Replenishment by propelling other nations to step up with a similar or greater

percentage increase, including France, Germany, the UK, Canada, and the European Commission. That's because they know bold U.S. commitments need to be matched 2-to-1.

Yet the numbers that should matter in our hearts are the 14,600 people the Global Fund will save every day because of that support you leveraged. That's on top of the 32 million lives the Global Fund partnership has saved from HIV, TB and malaria since its founding in 2002.

We also thank you for your bills' solemn commitment to the hugely impactful U.S. bilateral programs with which the Global Fund coordinates so closely: the President's Emergency Program For AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI), and the U.S. Agency for International Development's TB program.

It is immensely important that you bring the FY20 SFOPS appropriations across the finish line, and the stepped-up level of resources get enacted. It will make the difference to whether young women infected with AIDS, slum inhabitants threatened by multi-drug resistant TB, or children stricken by otherwise fully preventable malaria will live or perish. Finding consensus and support for these important global health issues amidst the stormy political winds has been and will be inspiring to fellow people of faith at home and abroad.

Sincerely,



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