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

As American leaders of faith, we write to you as stewards of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees and Subcommittees on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs (SFOPS) with thanks. We deeply appreciate your leadership in increasing investment in the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund) in the Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) enacted legislation.

Today, we write about the critical need to maintain this support for the most vulnerable in FY21.

By a conservative estimate, the Global Fund has contributed to saving over 32 million precious lives of our sisters and brothers in countries where it supports local projects—seeing a 56 percent decline in AIDS-related deaths, a 22 percent decline in TB deaths, and a 46 percent decline in malaria deaths since 2002. All those saved are now able to flourish in dignity.

In 2019, the world stepped up and pledged \$14 billion for the Global Fund's sixth Replenishment – an unprecedented 15 percent increase over the previous funding cycle. Leadership from the U.S was instrumental and encouraged other donors to commensurately increase their commitments to get the world back on track to ending AIDS, TB, and malaria. U.S. support for the Global Fund ensures that the

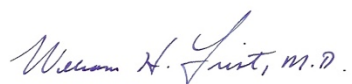
enormous impact of that special partnership of governments, faith-based and other civil society organizations, and businesses will continue to grow.

If we pull back now, we will lose ground at a moment when several challenges to the marked progress to date face us. Mosquitoes are developing resistance to the most common insecticides. Antibiotic-resistant forms of TB and the other epidemics are rising dangers. Young women are six times more likely to be infected with HIV than young men in the hardest-hit areas of southern Africa. And with African youth population expected to increase by 40 percent in the next decade, investment needs to keep pace to save the lives of those most vulnerable to HIV and malaria.

For this reason, we are asking Congress to maintain the crucial \$1.56 billion for FY21 for the Global Fund – to follow through with its commitment to the Global Fund’s three-year goals to confront and ultimately conquer the epidemics. U.S. leadership propelled other nations’ three-year pledges last October--thanks to you. It spurred other donors because for every \$1 we spend, the U.S. requires by law a \$2 match from other donor countries.

The vital sustained support for the Global Fund and other important global health priorities is a powerful sign of American commitment to finish the job in the fight to vanquish the HIV, TB, and malaria epidemics for good, which we strongly appreciate, support, and recognize. Millions threatened by these diseases could then be freed from fear and to share their God-given gifts with humankind.

Sincerely,



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