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Chairwoman Kay Granger  
Subcommittee on State, Foreign  
Operations and Related Programs  
Room HT 2, The Capitol  
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Ranking Member Nita Lowey  
Subcommittee on State, Foreign  
Operations and Related Programs  
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member Lowey:

We thank you for your continued commitment to global health and the HIV/AIDS response. As you begin to consider the Fiscal Year 2013 appropriations bill, we strongly urge you to include \$6.14 billion for the Department of State Global Health Programs to support the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Moreover, we encourage you to *explicitly allocate* \$1.65 billion for the Global Fund and *at least* \$4.49 billion for PEPFAR, the amount enacted in FY12.

On December 1, World AIDS Day, President Obama reiterated the bipartisan U.S. commitment to PEPFAR and the Global Fund. Since FY2008, PEPFAR has doubled the number of individuals on lifesaving antiretroviral treatment and supported care services for almost 13 million people. In FY2011 alone, PEPFAR has averted 200,000 infant HIV infections. The Global Fund has had similar success. As of December 2011, the Global Fund has provided antiretroviral treatment for more than 3.3 million people, placed 8.6 million people on tuberculosis treatment and provided 230 million insecticide treated nets to prevent malaria.

Thanks to the U.S., the Global Fund has grown into a proven, country-driven, performance-based mechanism, which ensures that countries take responsibility for building and leading their own sustainable programs. Notably, the Global Fund has important oversight and accountability mechanisms, including an independent technical review panel that examines eligible grant proposals for technical merit and an independent Inspector General (IG) that roots out fraud and abuse. Importantly, the Global Fund also works in close partnership with PEPFAR and the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) in the field, and these multilateral and bilateral programs rely on each other to succeed in many nations.

A U.S. contribution of \$1.65 billion this year will allow us to meet our three-year, \$4 billion pledge to the Global Fund, and continue to influence the organization's ability to leverage additional resources from other donors. Historically, \$1 the U.S. contributes to the Global Fund is matched with \$2 from other donors. Furthermore, in order for the Global Fund to be

successful, the U.S. must continue to strongly support its funding for all global health accounts, as well as bilateral programs, including PEPFAR.

If we provide strong support for both bilateral and multilateral programs, we will enhance U.S. leadership and increase our ability to meet key global health goals that are within reach, including ending mother-to-child transmission of HIV and deaths from malaria in endemic nations, along with historic progress in combating tuberculosis.

Thank you for your consideration of our request, and once again for your ongoing leadership on global health issues.



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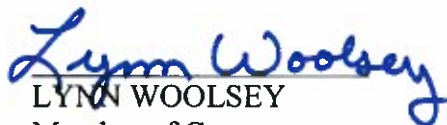
  
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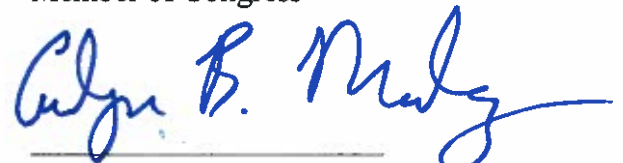
  
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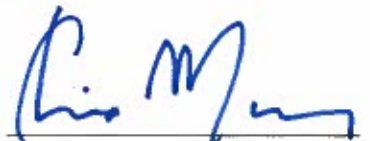
  
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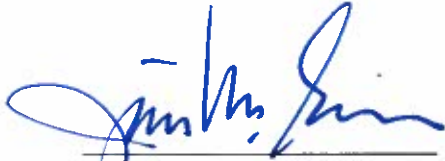
  
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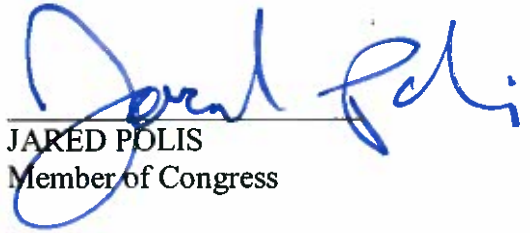
  
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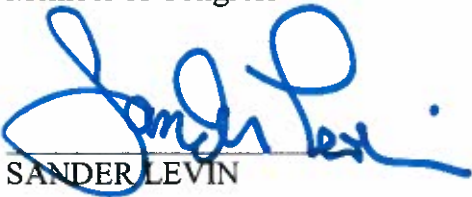
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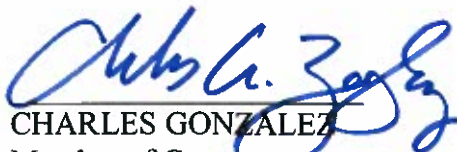
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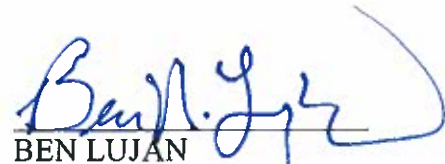
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