

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 13, 2026

The Honorable Robert Aderholt
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Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, Education, and
Related Agencies
House Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
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Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, Education, and
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The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart
Chair
Subcommittee on National Security, Department of
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The Honorable Barbara Lee
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on National Security, Department of
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Dear Chairman Aderholt, Ranking Member DeLauro, Chairman Diaz-Balart, and Ranking Member Frankel,

As you craft legislation making appropriations for fiscal year (FY) 2027, we respectfully ask that you prioritize increasing investments in the fight to eliminate tuberculosis (TB) which is again the leading infectious disease killer in the world.

Over the past decade, Congress has almost annually increased resources for the fight against TB, a clear demonstration of the strong bipartisan support for these programs across multiple administrations. The State Department clearly concurs with these significant bipartisan majorities, identifying elimination of TB as a key priority in the America First Global Strategy. We applaud the bold targets the Administration set forth in the strategy, which include reducing TB cases by 80% by 2030 and TB deaths by 90% by 2030 (both compared to 2015 levels). Yet with TB resurging as the foremost infectious disease in most low- and middle-income countries – and, as a result, harming U.S. communities – fulfilling the Administration’s goals requires bold investments in TB programming.

TB is not a disease of the past. On the contrary, it is on the rise worldwide and a threat in every U.S. state. The Global TB Report found that TB sickened almost 11 million people and killed 1.23 million in 2024. In the United States, every single state continues to report cases of TB each year and most states saw an increase in TB in 2024. According to the CDC, there are up to 13 million individuals in the U.S. with latent TB infections, a reservoir of future active TB cases. This resurgence of TB must be met with increased investments to strengthen our domestic and global efforts to identify, treat, and prevent tuberculosis, including drug resistant TB and TB infection.

Achieving the goals the U.S. set for ending TB will require \$1 billion for bilateral TB programming and \$225 million for TB programs at the CDC in the upcoming fiscal year. We are grateful for the \$1.765 billion the Committee provided in FY26 for CDC TB programs, State Department bilateral programming, and the U.S. leadership in the Global Fund to End AIDS, TB, and Malaria. These investments are highly effective in preventing TB deaths. For example, Global Fund-supported programs have reduced the combined death rate of AIDS, TB, and malaria by 63% since 2002. **With the historic strain on TB programs as rates and deaths continue to rise, we respectfully request that you continue to prioritize and increase funding for these programs in the FY27 funding bill.**

Disruptions to these lifesaving programs accelerate TB's spread and we cannot afford that risk. We again urge you to increase TB funding to fight this preventable and curable disease globally and in the U.S., in addition to maintaining past and current U.S. commitments to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. **TB anywhere is TB everywhere, including here at home in American neighborhoods.** Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

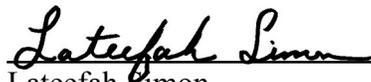
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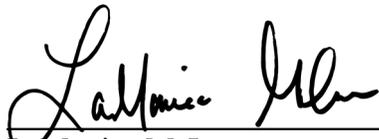
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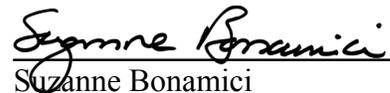
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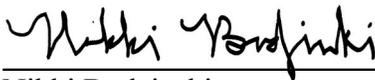
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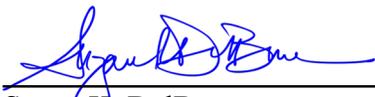
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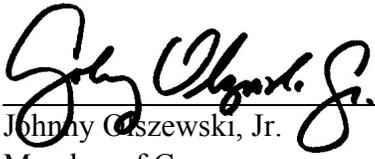
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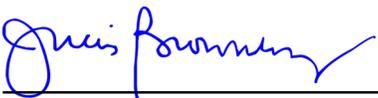
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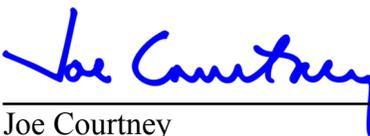
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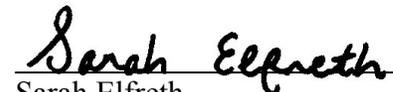
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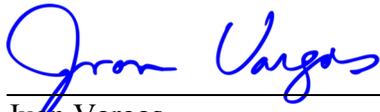
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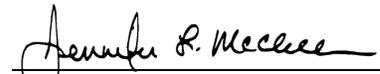
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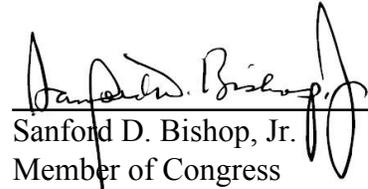
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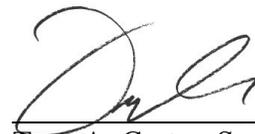
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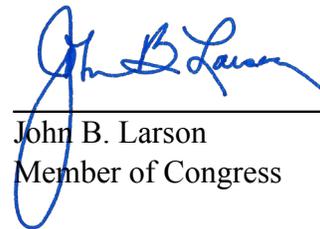

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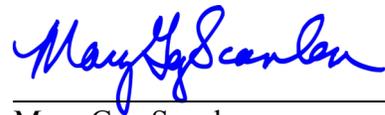

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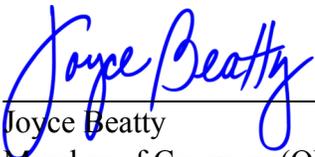

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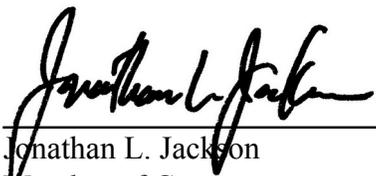

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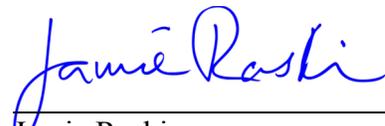

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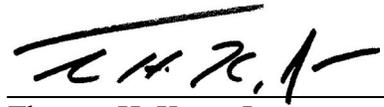

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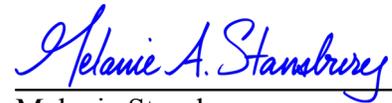
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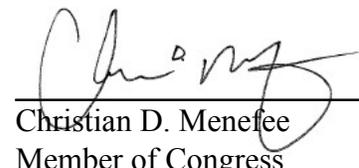
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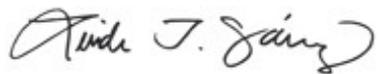
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