**2020 Candidate Engagement Laser Talks and Questions**

**Global Poverty EPIC Laser Talk**

**Engage:**A recent poll by the ONE Campaign confirms my sentiments that the US must also have a global response to this global pandemic. According to the poll, “nearly all voters say it is important for the U.S. to lead the world in responding (85%), preventing (86%), and detecting (85%) global infectious diseases.”

**Problem:** Projections are that, because of COVID-19, hard fought global health progress could be set back 10-20 years and millions of women, girls, and children could die from lack of healthcare, malnutrition, and disease without additional resources.

**Inform:** But sustaining and increasing U.S. support to existing global health organizations like Gavi, the Global Fund, and PEPFAR, as well as investing in food aid and nutrition, will make a difference now and in the longer-term, particularly for women, girls and children.

**Call to Action:** US leadership has contributed to major advances on global health and poverty over the years. What role do you think the US should play in addressing global poverty and global health, particularly as it relates to gender equity? And what will you do about these issues once elected?

Sample Global Town Hall Question

A recent world bank report estimates that an additional 150 million people around the world could be pushed into extreme poverty because of COVID-19. And estimates are that COVID-19 will set back progress on global health progress by 10-20 years. Women, girls, and children are being impacted in the worst ways. How do these issues affect the US? And what role should do you think the US should play in addressing global poverty and health, particularly as they relate to gender equity??