

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 27, 2010

President Barack Obama
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama,

As Members of Congress who strongly support U.S. leadership to end the pandemics of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria we urge your Administration to make a three-year commitment to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria of no less than \$6 billion for fiscal years 2012, 2013, and 2014, in addition to any proposed bilateral funding. This level of funding for the Global Fund is consistent with the bipartisan *Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008* and the Global Health Initiative.

To date the Global Fund has placed 2.8 million people on lifesaving antiretroviral HIV/AIDS treatment, 7 million individuals with tuberculosis have been indentified and placed on treatment, and 122 million bed nets have been distributed to the field to protect the lives of millions, especially women and children. As an example of the power of Global Fund grants, Rwanda has experienced a 64 percent decline in cases of malaria in children and a 66 percent decline in related deaths since 2004. And the situation in Rwanda is not unique.

The Global Fund is currently in its Third-Voluntary Replenishment cycle whereby most donor countries will make a pledge to the Global Fund for the next three years. As the largest contributor to the Global Fund, the U.S. has a critical opportunity to show global leadership in this successful multilateral organization, and ensure that the Fund continues to achieve lasting, country driven results in fighting these three pandemics. While we are well aware of the tough economic times the U.S. is experiencing, many of the countries affected by these three diseases, which kill approximately 5 million people a year, are also exponentially affected by the economic crisis. The crisis exacerbates poverty, furthering the decline of fragile societies.

While the United States is the largest donor to the Global Fund, and the leader in global health worldwide, we must not and should not take on this fight alone. Providing funding to the Global Fund ensures that our tax dollars extend even further, as other donors, both public and private, match funding by contributing more than two dollars for every one dollar the U.S. provides. More importantly, the Global Fund builds capacity at the local level by financing critical health programs while insisting that countries and communities meet measurable benchmarks for which they are accountable. In short, the Global Fund saves lives, and drives a value system that promotes good governance, accountability, and endeavors toward building a stronger, more sustainable society.

Many Global Fund donors look to the United States when determining their contributions. Providing a three-year pledge of \$6 billion would leverage additional resources from other donors and send a very important signal to other countries that the U.S. is committed to working

with its international partners to combat these three diseases. In addition, the increase in the U.S. contribution contemplated by a multiyear commitment to the Global Fund is consistent with your Administration's funding target and goals for the Global Health Initiative, and is critical to the success of our bilateral global health programs.

The Global Fund estimates that if the United States provides \$6 billion over fiscal years 2012-2014, then by 2015 we will have helped to:

- Provide 1.7 million HIV positive people with AIDS medicines;
- Support 1.5 million treatments for patients suffering from TB,
- Distribute 43 million bed nets to people at risk of malaria,
- Supply 240,000 pregnant women with services to prevent mother to child transmission,
- Support 1 million orphans and vulnerable children (OVC's).


Finally, we recognize that multi-year pledges must also include caveats that indicate that any funding would be subject to yearly Congressional appropriations. However, we strongly believe that it is in the best interest of the United States to make a multiyear pledge in order to leverage funding from other donors and gain additional support as we work to empower countries. This investment will help build futures, save lives, and strengthen goodwill between the U.S. and our friends, allies, and partner countries throughout the world.

We urge you to make a strong commitment to supporting the Global Fund and we look forward to working with you to ensure that the promise of the bipartisan Lantos-Hyde Act is fully achieved.

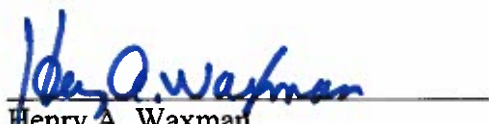
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