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| <p>The Honorable Tom Cole<br/>Chairman<br/>House Appropriations Committee<br/>2207 Rayburn House Office Building<br/>Washington, DC 20515</p>  | <p>The Honorable Rosa DeLauro<br/>Ranking Member<br/>House Appropriations Committee<br/>2413 Rayburn House Office Building<br/>Washington, DC 20515</p>  |
| <p>The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart<br/>Chairman<br/>House Appropriations Subcommittee on<br/>State, Foreign Operations, and Related<br/>Programs<br/>374 Cannon House Office Building<br/>Washington, DC 20515</p> | <p>The Honorable Barbara Lee<br/>Ranking Member<br/>House Appropriations Subcommittee on<br/>State, Foreign Operations, and Related<br/>Programs<br/>2470 Rayburn House Office Building<br/>Washington, DC 20515</p> |

Dear Chairman Cole, Ranking Member DeLauro, Chairman Diaz-Balart, and Ranking Member Lee:

Global Health Council is the leading member organization devoted to advancing global health priorities by uniting advocates, implementers, policymakers, and other stakeholders. We strongly encourage Congress’ support for robust funding for global health; nutrition; water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), and biosafety and biosecurity programs within the International Affairs (150) account, as well as all other global health-related budgets as you consider Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 appropriations.

The 10-11% cuts proposed by the House Appropriations Committee to the overarching State and Foreign Operations and Related Programs (SFOPS) budget from its FY24 enacted level falls woefully short of the funding necessary to address global converging crises and would signal a cessation of U.S. leadership and influence on the world stage. **To pursue the achievement of critical U.S. global health goals and commitments, we, the undersigned organizations, strongly encourage increased investments for these programs and, at a minimum, support funding at FY24 enacted levels.** Please find our account and program recommendations for FY25 in the table below.

Investments in these programs save lives, transform communities, and advance health equity. In concert with U.S. humanitarian and development programs, these programs are also cost-effective and support U.S. foreign assistance priorities to reduce poverty, achieve gender equality, promote human rights, and improve national and global security by supporting stable,

resilient, and democratic communities. It is estimated that for every \$1 invested in health, there is an economic return of between \$2 to \$4 across developing countries.<sup>1</sup> Furthermore, U.S. global health investments draw attention to and prioritize solutions that address non-communicable and other neglected health threats that increasingly affect the economies of key trading partners and encourage investment by peer countries.

We also support much needed investments in multilateral institutions, such as the World Health Organization (WHO); UNICEF; the UN Population Fund (UNFPA); Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance; the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria; and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), all of which leverage U.S. dollars to broaden impact and save more lives. U.S. investment in multilateral global health organizations also yields economic benefits. For example, U.S. investments in WHO's work result in a \$35 return on investment at least for every \$1 invested.<sup>2</sup>

Americans consistently support global health and development assistance funding, with a 2023 poll showing that a majority of Americans believe the federal government should particularly invest more in pandemic preparedness both at home and abroad.<sup>3</sup> U.S. global health programs deliver real results with wide ranging health, security, and economic benefits for the U.S. and the world. Continued U.S. investment in global health is needed to build on these achievements and safeguard against backsliding. U.S. leadership can accelerate progress toward the global goal of ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages by scaling up investments in effective bilateral and multilateral programs; supporting research, development, and innovation; and strengthening health systems.

Global Health Council, and the undersigned organizations, strongly urge Congress to ensure the final FY25 appropriations package reflects this urgent need. Additionally, we strongly urge Congress to support a clean PEPFAR reauthorization for a minimum of five years, ensuring this landmark program does not falter and maintains long-term program sustainability.

We are excited for the opportunity of continued bipartisan partnership with Members of Congress to ensure the U.S. maintains its leadership and impressive record of success in addressing global health challenges.

If you have any questions about our recommendations, please feel free to contact the Global Health Council at [advocacy@globalhealth.org](mailto:advocacy@globalhealth.org).

Sincerely,

1. 1,000 Days, an initiative of FHI 360
2. Advocacy Network Africa (AdNetA)

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/future-development/2020/07/21/how-investing-in-health-has-a-significant-economic-payoff-for-developing-economies/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.who.int/about/funding/invest-in-who/investment-case-2.0>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.pandemicactionnetwork.org/news/u-s-national-poll-on-government-investment-in-pandemic-preparedness/>

3. Advocates for Youth
4. American Academy of Pediatrics
5. American Heart Association
6. American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
7. Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO)
8. AVAC
9. CARE USA
10. Center for Biological Diversity
11. Christian Connections for International Health
12. CORE Group
13. Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative
14. Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation
15. Fast-Track Cities Institute
16. FIND
17. First Focus Campaign for Children
18. Georgia AIDS Coalition
19. Global Focus on Cancer
20. Global Health Council
21. Global Health Technologies Coalition
22. Health GAP (Global Access Project)
23. Helen Keller Intl
24. HIV Medicine Association
25. IAVI
26. Infectious Diseases Society of America
27. International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research
28. International Association of Providers of AIDS Care
29. International Medical Corps
30. Management Sciences for Health
31. Marked By Covid
32. MSI Reproductive Choices
33. Operation Smile
34. PAI
35. Pandemic Action Network
36. PATH
37. Pathfinder International
38. Planned Parenthood Federation of America
39. Population Council
40. Population Institute
41. Population Services International
42. Project HOPE
43. Public Citizen
44. Resolve to Save Lives
45. RESULTS
46. Save the Children

47. Seed Global Health
48. Shot@Life
49. Smile Train
50. Stop TB USA
51. TB Alliance
52. TB Elimination Alliance
53. The Task Force for Global Health
54. Together for Girls
55. Treatment Action Group
56. United to Beat Malaria
57. University of Miami Public Health Policy Lab
58. VillageReach
59. WaterAid
60. We Are TB
61. What to Expect Project
62. Women's Refugee Commission

**Appendix: Account & Program Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2025 (in thousands)**

|   | <b>FY 2025 Recommended Funding Level (in thousands)</b> |
|---|---|
| <b>Global Health Programs (USAID &amp; State)</b> | <b>\$15,365,000</b>                                     |
| Maternal and Child Health                         | \$1,150,000   |
| of which Gavi                                     | \$340,000   |
| of which Polio (all accounts including ESF)       | \$165,000   |
| Malaria (PMI)                                     | \$925,000   |
| Tuberculosis                                      | \$1,000,000   |
| Family Planning (all accounts)                    | \$1,740,000   |
| of which UNFPA (IO&P)                             | \$116,000   |
| Nutrition   | \$300,000   |
| Vulnerable Children                               | \$35,000  |
| Neglected Tropical Diseases                       | \$125,000   |

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| HIV/AIDS (USAID)   | \$350,000   |
| PEPFAR   | \$5,140,000 |
| of which UNAIDS  | \$60,000    |
| The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria                | \$1,650,000 |
| Pandemic Fund (all accounts)                                 | \$1,000,000 |
| Global Health Security                                       | \$1,000,000 |
| of which CEPI  | \$200,000   |
| Emergency Reserve Fund                                       | \$300,000   |
| SIGHT Fund for R&D   | \$250,000   |
| Global Health Worker Initiative                              | \$200,000   |
| Health Systems Strengthening                                 | \$200,000   |
| <b>Development Assistance (DA)</b>                           |             |
| Water and Sanitation   | \$500,000   |
| <b>Contributions to International Organizations (CIO)</b>    |             |
| World Health Organization                                    | \$134,580   |
| <b>International Organizations &amp; Programs (IO&amp;P)</b> |             |
| UNICEF   | \$175,000   |
| of which FGM   | \$5,000     |