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The Honorable Richard Shelby
U.S. Senate
Committee on Appropriations
Washington DC, 20510

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
U.S. Senate
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The Honorable Rodney Frelinghuysen
U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Appropriations
Washington DC, 20515

The Honorable Nita Lowey
U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Shelby, Ranking Member Leahy, Chairman Frelinghuysen, and Ranking Member Lowey:

On behalf of the Global AIDS Policy Partnership (GAPP) the undersigned would like to thank you for your tireless effort and commitment as you work to complete Fiscal Year 2019 spending bills. As you finalize the FY 2019 State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations bill we respectfully ask that you include the Senate level for the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) at \$4.37 billion. Additionally, we encourage you to include in your Statement of Managers the Senate report language noting anticipated continued support for the Global Fund at least at the current level through the next Global Fund replenishment cycle, 2020 through 2022.

Members of the GAPP, a coalition of advocacy, research and implementing organizations committed to ending AIDS for the next generation by expanding and improving global HIV/AIDS programming, have seen firsthand the incredible impact U.S. funding for global HIV and AIDS has had around the world.

As we celebrate 15 years of PEPFAR we are consistently overcome by the massive impact the program has had in changing and saving lives. Through PEPFAR support over 14 million people are receiving antiretroviral therapy, including a million children. PEPFAR programs have averted over 2 million new infections in children. The Global Fund remains a critical partner to this success leveraging U.S. dollars to build additional global support to end AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, and their programs have saved more than 22 million lives.

While these numbers are massive we must remember that they represent individual women and men and boys and girls, real people whose lives have been forever changed. For those individuals who PEPFAR has not yet been able to reach, we must forge ahead to finally control this epidemic once and for all. That is why we were thrilled to see the Senate's increase in funding for PEPFAR. Given the efficient way the PEPFAR program is run those dollars will go far to reach even more people, save even more lives, and create real, measurable impact towards controlling the AIDS epidemic.

Finally, the signatories on this letter encourage you to sustain and, if possible, increase appropriations for other aspects of the global health and humanitarian and development assistance accounts as well, as it is the combined impact of all these investments that is truly transforming the lives of millions of people around the world.

Congressional leadership remains a critical component to PEPFAR's success and we thank you for support and look forward to your assistance in ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Advocates for Youth

The AIDS Institute

AIDS United

American Jewish World Service

American Medical Student Association

American Psychological Association

Association of Nurses in AIDS Care

AVAC

Children's AIDS Fund

Christian Connections for International Health

Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation

Friends of the Global Fight Against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

Global Health Council

Global Network of Black People Working in HIV

Heartland Alliance International

HIV Medicine Association

IMA World Health

Infectious Diseases Society of America

Institute for Youth Development

International AIDS Society

International AIDS Vaccine Initiative

John Snow Inc.

Management Sciences for Health

Mpact- Global action for Gay Men's health and rights.

National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors

Planned Parenthood Federation of America

Population Action International

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