

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

October 27, 2009

President Barack Obama  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama,

As members of Congress who are strongly committed to supporting the continued leadership of the United States on global health and international development issues, we write to urge you to include a minimum of \$1.75 billion for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria as a key part of a robust International Affairs budget in your upcoming Fiscal Year 2011 request to Congress.

The Global Fund is an innovative and effective development financing model designed to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria. It has quickly become one of the most successful tools in the world to fight these three diseases that combined kill approximately six million people per year. Since 2003, the Global Fund has helped provide antiretroviral therapy for more than 2.3 million people and palliative care and prevention services for millions more. It has also placed 5.4 million people on tuberculosis treatment and provided 88 million bed nets to prevent malaria. Approximately 33 percent of Global Fund resources have also been used to directly strengthen national health systems, multiplying the impact of Global Fund grants apart from its disease specific interventions.

Thanks to the help of the United States, the Global Fund has grown into a proven, country-driven, performance-based mechanism which ensures that countries themselves are responsible for building their own sustainable programs. Importantly, it has strong oversight and accountability mechanisms including, among others, an independent technical review panel that reviews all of the grants, local auditors to provide oversight over the grants, and an independent inspector general to guard against loss of taxpayer dollars.

Last year, on a bipartisan basis, Congress reaffirmed US support for the Global Fund by enacting the *Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008* (P.L. 110-293). This landmark legislation recognized that the Global Fund represents the multilateral component of United States efforts to combat these three diseases, extending our reach to more than 140 countries around the world. The legislation also continued language challenging other countries to match US contributions to the Global Fund on a 2 for 1 basis, setting the bar for US contributions at 33 percent of the Fund's total needs.

According to the Global Fund's current projections, it will need to budget for a total of approximately \$5.25 billion next year in order to continue financing ongoing grants (\$2.5 billion) and initiate a new Round 10 grant cycle (\$2.75 billion). Based on our longstanding 33 percent match, the Global Fund estimates that the U.S. contribution should be at least \$1.75 billion for

FY11. While we recognize that this funding estimate represents a sizeable increase for the Global Fund as compared to previous fiscal years, we remind you that last year's global AIDS legislation authorized an initial baseline funding level of \$2 billion for the Fund.

As the founding contributor and leading donor to the Global Fund, the United States must continue to support this innovative, accountable and country-driven funding mechanism. Therefore we urge you to include a minimum of \$1.75 billion in funding for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in your FY11 budget request.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. We look forward to working with you as we shape the vital, ongoing, U.S. commitment to the fight against HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria and in support of a robust International Affairs budget.

Sincerely,



Barbara Lee  
Member of Congress



Donald Payne  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Africa and  
Global Health

Cc: The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton, U.S. Secretary of State  
The Honorable Eric Goosby, U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator  
The Honorable Peter Orszag, Director, Office of Management and Budget

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