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The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Chairman
State, Foreign Operations and Related
Programs Subcommittee
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Brian Schatz
Ranking Member
State, Foreign Operations and Related
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Dear Chairman Graham and Ranking Member Schatz,

The undersigned organizations write to urge you to include key lifesaving items in your Fiscal Year 2026 State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations bill.

Global Health Programs: We request level funding of \$10 billion for the Global Health Programs account (the Fiscal Year 2025 Continuing Resolution amount). We strongly believe all Global Health Programs should continue to provide the lifesaving care they have been known for.

We are alarmed by the lack of mention of maternal and child health and nutrition programs in the recent State Department global health strategy. Child health interventions, such as vaccinations and treatments for pneumonia, malaria and diarrheal dehydration are among the most effective measures for saving the maximum number of lives per dollar spent.

We urge you to include level funding in your bill for each major Global Health Program, including maternal and child health, and nutrition.

International Humanitarian Assistance and UNICEF: We request level funding of \$8.7 billion for the International Humanitarian Assistance account and \$137 million for UNICEF (the Fiscal Year 2025 Continuing Resolution amounts). This combines FY25 funding levels for the Migration and Refugee Assistance account and the former USAID International Disaster Assistance account. We request that the Administration use these funds only for international humanitarian needs, such as food, shelter and medical care, not for domestic uses like deportation.

The United States has historically been a generous donor to people in crisis, and we believe our country should continue to do this.

Maintain Congress' power of the purse. We also urge you to include language in your bill that would require the Administration to spend the funds appropriated by Congress. It makes little sense for you to work hard on an appropriations bill if the Administration is going to ignore it.

Frontline focus: We were encouraged to see the Administration's emphasis on frontline care in its recent global health strategy document. Your bill should specify that in all the above programs the great majority of resources shall be directed to frontline activities.

Thank you for your consideration.

American Academy of Family Physicians

American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians

Catholic Medical Mission Board

Project HOPE

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Society of Teachers of Family Medicine

Association of Departments of Family Medicine

NAPCRG (a national primary care research organization)

Florida Academy of Family Physicians

Illinois Public Health Association

North Carolina Public Health Association

North Carolina Community Health Worker Association

Arkansas Community Health Worker Association

Board of Church & Society, Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church

Board of Global Ministries, Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church

Addis Clinic

Lwala Community Alliance

Mother Health International

Partners for World Health

Fund for Global Health