Pledge of Allegiance

Today, we offer our gratitude for the blessings of freedom You have given our Nation. You have blessed us with the security and diplomatic elements for the United States. Global health programs directly impact American security interests by stabilizing parts of the world where extremism and a lack of alternatives are a recipe for future conflict. The economic impact of global health activities is also felt in the U.S., including jobs and billions of dollars of government investment. These programs include PEPFAR (President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief) and other U.S.-funded programs such as the Global Fund. These programs are critical for ensuring that the health needs of individuals are met and the impact of funding is maximized. In recent months, U.S.-funded research has made enormous progress in shaping the response to AIDS and malaria worldwide. These remarkable scientific advances call for a renewed emphasis on ensuring that we continue to do so through its recent announcement of an improvements agenda to further ensure every dollar is utilized effectively, remains accountable, and is transparent. We also welcome PEPFAR’s leadership on advancing combination HIV prevention, care and treatment programs—and, where appropriate, other critical global health programs funded by this bill, including maternal health, child survival, family planning, non-communicable diseases, and nutrition—critical for ensuring that the health needs of individuals are met and the impact of funding is maximized. In recent months, U.S.-funded research has made enormous progress in shaping the response to AIDS and malaria worldwide. These remarkable scientific advances call for a renewed emphasis on ensuring that we continue to do so through its recent announcement of an improvements agenda to further ensure every dollar is utilized effectively, remains accountable, and is transparent. We also welcome PEPFAR’s leadership on advancing combination HIV prevention, care and treatment programs—and, where appropriate, other critical global health programs funded by this bill, including maternal health, child survival, family planning, non-communicable diseases, and nutrition—critical for ensuring that the health needs of individuals are met and the impact of funding is maximized. In recent months, U.S.-funded research has made enormous progress in shaping the response to AIDS and malaria worldwide. These remarkable scientific advances call for a renewed emphasis on ensuring that we continue to do so through its recent announcement of an improvements agenda to further ensure every dollar is utilized effectively, remains accountable, and is transparent.