markets. More specifically, we urge you to support, at the very least, $5.25 billion for the U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and $700 million for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, as explicitly allocated in S. 3026. In total, we support $1.05 billion for the Global Fund (of which $300 million is contained in the Senate Labor, Health and Human Services appropriations bill). Moreover, we are strongly opposed to language contained in the House Subcommittee Mark prohibiting funding for syringe exchange programs, which are proven to reduce the incidence of HIV infection.

U.S. global health programs, including PEPFAR, along with U.S. contributions to the Global Fund, are reducing disease burden in low- and middle-income countries, and these programs are important national 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., providing thousands of jobs to help the United States continue the vital U.S. response to AIDS and malaria worldwide.

These remarkable scientific advances call for a renewed emphasis on ensuring that we make enormous progress in shaping the response to AIDS and malaria worldwide.

In recent months, U.S.-funded research has made enormous progress in shaping the response to AIDS and malaria worldwide. These programs amount to a fraction of one percent of the federal budget, but they affect millions of lives and are critical against future conflicts, open up developing markets, and will have lasting impact on the global AIDS epidemic in the long term.

Thank you for considering this request.

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