

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

August 26, 2026

The Honorable Marco Rubio
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20520

The Honorable Russell Vought
Director
Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Secretary Rubio and Director Vought,

We write to express our alarm that approximately \$7.5 billion in international affairs funding remains unobligated and at risk of expiring on September 30, 2026, including more than \$3 billion of global health funding. These funds were enacted into law for specific purposes that support life-saving assistance, strengthen partners against shared threats, and reinforce American leadership, and the Administration has a legal obligation to execute such appropriations consistent with the law.

The more than \$3 billion in expiring Global Health Programs (GHP) funding is particularly concerning. The GHP account funds the majority of U.S. foreign health assistance, including programs for HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, maternal and child health, nutrition, family planning and reproductive health, neglected tropical diseases, and global health security.¹ The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has notified Congress that it is withholding approximately \$1.35 billion of expiring Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 GHP funding for closeout costs for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) rather than spending these funds for critical global health programs as Congress intended.² Such a reduction in global health programs will have devastating consequences, including an estimated 121,000 deaths from tuberculosis, 47,600 deaths from malaria, and the loss of lifesaving nutrition products for 22.9 million children.³ This hardship can be prevented if the Administration spends these funds as Congress directed. We call on you to immediately release the remaining lifesaving, bipartisan GHP funding before it expires on September 30, 2026.

Additionally, we understand the remaining balance of approximately \$1.9 billion in expiring GHP funds have nearly all been notified to Congress but not yet obligated to specific awards. As

¹ FY 2026 National Security, Department of State and Related Programs (NSRP) Global Health Funding in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, KFF (Feb 4, 2026), <https://www.kff.org/global-health-policy/global-health-funding-in-the-fy-2026-national-security-department-of-state-and-related-programs-nsrp-conference-bill-explanatory-statement/>.

² Stephanie Nolen, *With a Series of Big Donations, State Department Restores Some Global Health Aid*, The N.Y. Times (Aug. 2, 2026), <https://www.nytimes.com/2026/08/02/health/trump-health-aid-state-department.html>.

³ Lauren Kent, *The Trump administration is trying to divert \$2 billion in global health funding to pay for USAID shutdown*, CNN (May 7, 2026), <https://www.cnn.com/2026/05/07/world/trump-administration-usaid-global-health-funding-intl>.

the end of the fiscal year approaches, we are increasingly worried about the timely obligation of such funds. We urge you to act immediately to fulfill the law and ensure that these funds, as well as all expiring international affairs funding, are obligated before they expire. We stand ready to work with the Administration to address any legitimate implementation challenges, but further delay is unacceptable given the rapidly approaching statutory deadline.

We are also deeply alarmed about the future of the PEPFAR program. PEPFAR is one of the most successful bipartisan global health initiatives in U.S. history, saving more than 26 million lives thanks to rigorous data reporting, strong interagency collaboration, and evidence-based programming. However, we have significant concerns about changes this Administration is undertaking in regard to the role the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will play as a PEPFAR implementing partner, as well as concerns regarding PEPFAR transition timelines and the risk of treatment interruptions, a deprioritization of prevention services, a lack of data collection and transparency, a loss of technical expertise, and an undermining of community-based efforts, all of which have been central components in the program's success. The limited PEPFAR data that the Department has made available for FY 2025 shows that approximately two million fewer people received PEPFAR-supported antiretroviral treatment in 2025 than in 2024. Reducing CDC's role could further imperil efforts to prevent HIV transmission and maintain treatment for the more than 8 million people currently receiving HIV treatment through CDC-supported programs.⁴ It would also limit the CDC's ability to conduct disease surveillance and respond to outbreaks abroad before Americans become at risk.

The Department and OMB's refusal to spend GHP funding as directed by Congress and the concerning PEPFAR implementation changes defy the law and threaten lives—internationally and in the U.S.

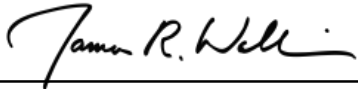
We request answers to the following questions by September 9, 2026:

1. What is your plan to release the remaining funding in the Global Health Programs account in accordance with congressional appropriations before the funding expires on September 30, 2026?
2. Has the Department or OMB conducted a thorough cost-benefit analysis regarding the termination of USAID-administered programs? If so, provide any reports and data associated with this analysis.
3. What is the total estimated cost of USAID award terminations and contract closeouts?
4. Has the Department analyzed how the recent proposed changes to CDC's role in PEPFAR implementation will affect HIV incidence, treatment continuity, program effectiveness, global disease surveillance, outbreak response, and long-term program costs? If so, provide any reports and data associated with this analysis.
5. Which CDC-led PEPFAR functions will be reduced, transferred, or discontinued? For each function, please explain how continuity of services will be maintained.

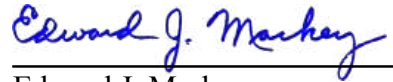
⁴ Ramona Godbole *et al.*, *Shifts in PEPFAR-supported HIV treatment in 26 countries from 2024 to 2025*, Nat. Health (2026), <https://doi.org/10.1038/s44360-026-00159-1>.

We demand that you release and obligate all international affairs funding, including global health funding in a manner consistent with appropriations law and congressional intent to save lives around the world and protect American health here at home.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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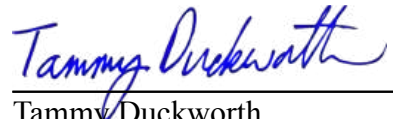
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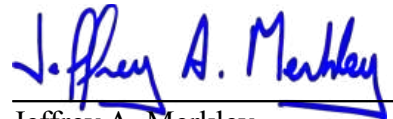
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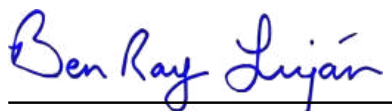
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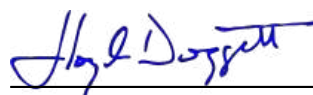
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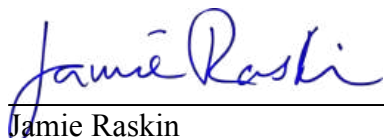
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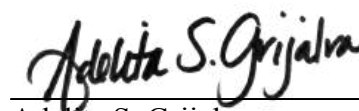
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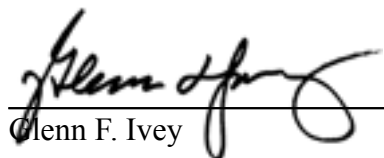
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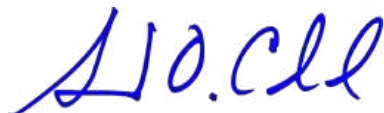
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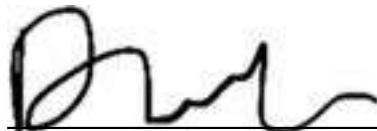
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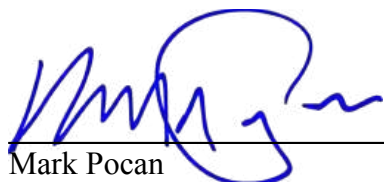
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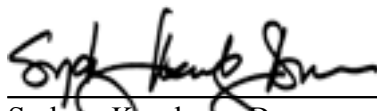
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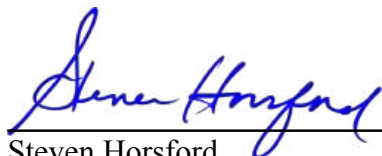
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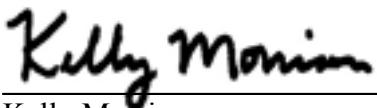
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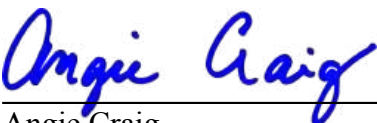
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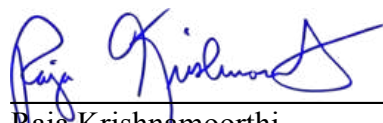
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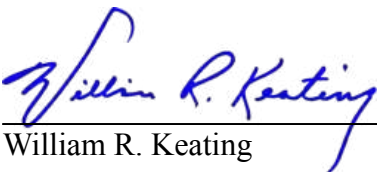
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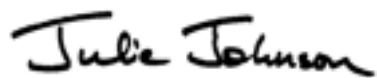
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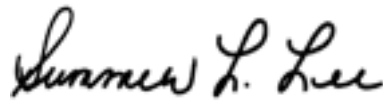
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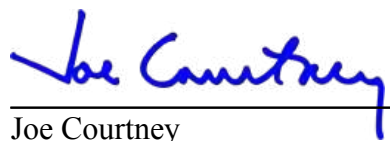
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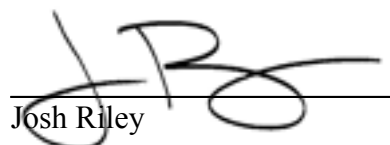
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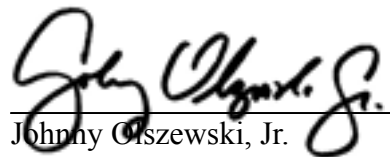
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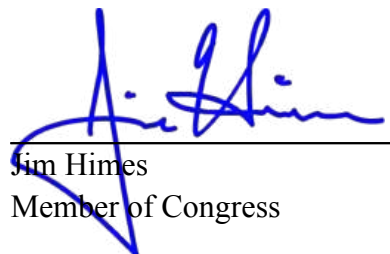
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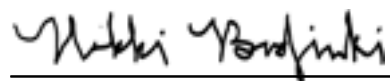
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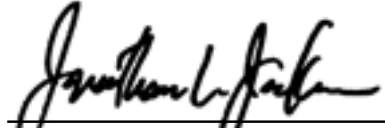
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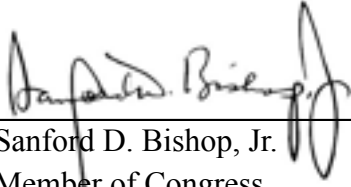
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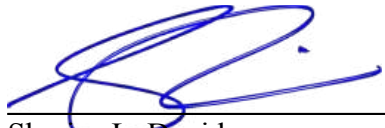
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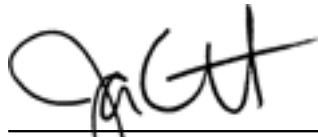
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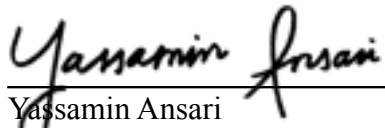
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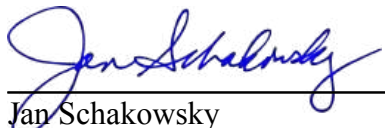
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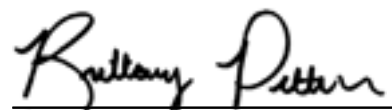


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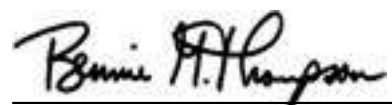

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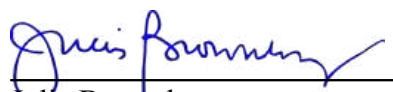

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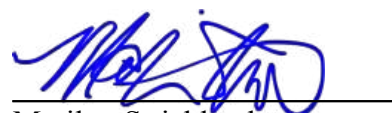

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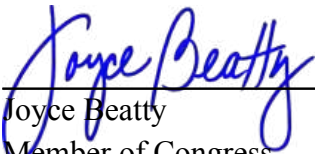

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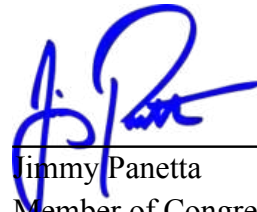

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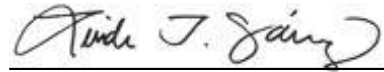
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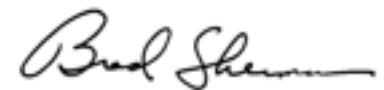
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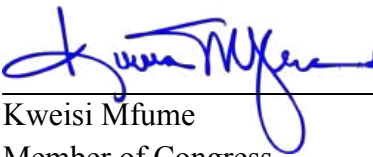
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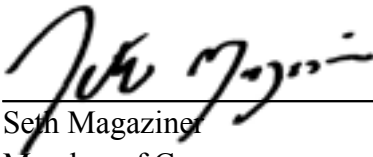
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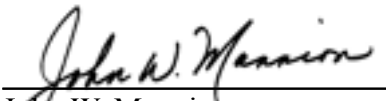
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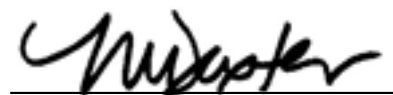
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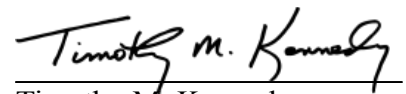

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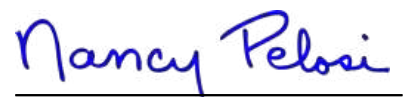

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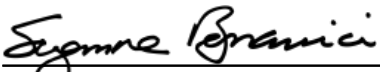

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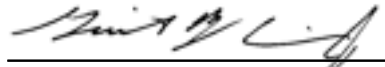

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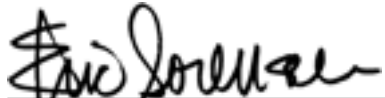
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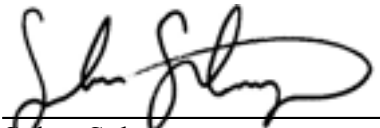
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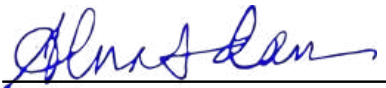
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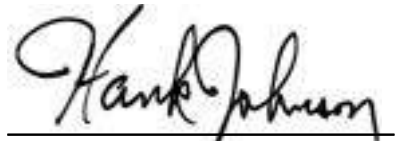
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