



THE FAITH-BASED COALITION FOR
THE GLOBAL FUND
to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

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The Honorable James E. Risch
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Senate Foreign Relations Committee
483 Russell Senate Office Bldg.
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The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Risch and Ranking Member Shaheen,

As leaders of faith communities across this nation, on the occasion of the nomination of Senator Marco Rubio to serve as Secretary of State, we write to express our collective gratitude for your steadfast leadership in advancing U.S. global health initiatives and assistance. In particular, we are grateful for your support for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

We welcome and support the nomination of Senator Marco Rubio as Secretary of State. As a member of this committee and the Senate Appropriations Committee, he has been a powerful voice for the vulnerable. Throughout his tenure in the Senate, he has been dedicated to human rights and addressing the world's most urgent infectious diseases and global health needs. As his nomination is considered, we hope you will ask Senator Rubio about the upcoming replenishment of the Global Fund and urge him to support the U.S. pledging one-third of the Global Fund's three-year goal, as it has in the last several replenishments across administrations of both parties. This leverages the provision in U.S. law to limit U.S. contributions to 33% of the Global Fund's budget – propelling other donors to share the burden, knowing that they cannot unlock U.S. pledges unless they match it 2-to-1.

Thanks to the enduring support of Congress, the Global Fund has helped save the lives of more than 65 million people and brought care, compassion and dignity to countless more. The Global Fund is a cornerstone of the mission to uplift the vulnerable, allow all people to thrive and create a more secure world. Working closely with our bilateral global health programs, affected communities and faith-based organizations, the Global Fund combats the world's deadliest diseases and helps countries take responsibility for their own health systems. In 2023 alone, the Global Fund and its partners provided antiretroviral therapy to 25 million individuals, TB treatment to 7.1 million individuals and distributed 227 million mosquito nets to protect families from malaria.

In 2025, the U.S. will once again have the opportunity to realize its values and priorities by providing a strong pledge to the three-year replenishment of the Global Fund. We urge this body

to work with Secretary-designate Rubio, if confirmed, to recommit the U.S. to its historic moral and policy leadership position in the Global Fund.

Sincerely,



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