



THE FAITH-BASED COALITION FOR
Healthy Mothers & Children
WORLDWIDE

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Dear Chairman Rogers, Ranking Member Lowey, Chairman Cochran, Ranking Member Mikulski, Chairwoman Granger, Chairman Graham and Ranking Member Leahy:

We write to you on behalf of the Faith-Based Coalition for Healthy Mothers and Children Worldwide to thank you for your ongoing leadership in Congress in support of global maternal and child health programs. Specifically, we request that you provide robust funding in the FY 2016 appropriations process for U.S. programs that support maternal, newborn, and child health (MNCH) and healthy timing and spacing of pregnancies (HTSP) with existing legislative safeguards.

Our coalition seeks to galvanize faith-based leaders and their constituencies around the issues of MNCH, including HTSP, to improve maternal health and reduce child mortality. When women and girls lack access to the education and resources they need to create a healthy plan for becoming mothers, the result is tragic: 289,000 women in developing nations die from preventable complications during childbirth, and 6.3 million children die before their fifth birthday each year.

We recognize the difficult decisions you face in a constrained budget environment, but we know the truly life-saving impact of U.S. investments in women and children. We respectfully request that you make U.S. programs for global maternal, newborn, and child health and family planning a priority as you develop your FY 2016 Appropriations bills.

As people of faith we believe that we all have a duty to do what is within our power to help these women and their families to achieve their potential through improved health.

Sincerely,

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