

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

March 23, 2023

The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart
Chair
Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations,
and Related Programs
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Barbara Lee
Ranking Member
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The Honorable Robert Aderholt
Chair
Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, Education,
and Related Agencies
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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
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The Honorable Ken Calvert
Chair
Subcommittee on Defense
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The Honorable Betty McCollum
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Defense
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Dear Chairs Diaz-Balart, Aderholt, and Calvert and Ranking Members Lee, DeLauro, and McCollum,

As we have watched the world respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, the need for our nation to be able to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the next outbreak has never been clearer. Although Congress has provided emergency funding to many agencies responding to COVID-19, we must support U.S. capacity building efforts that combat other emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases around the world. For that reason, we ask that you fund these activities at the levels requested below for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Department of Defense (DOD) in Fiscal Year 2024.

U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)

1. \$1 billion for USAID Global Health Security activities to strengthen global capacity to detect and control infectious diseases in animals and people.
2. \$300 million for the USAID Emergency Reserve Fund to ensure USAID can move quickly to control outbreaks before they spread and minimize the need for supplemental emergency appropriations.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

1. \$456.4 million for CDC Division of Global Health Protection activities to detect and respond to outbreaks at their source and bolster health system capacities post-emergency.
2. \$300 million for the CDC Infectious Diseases Rapid Response Reserve Fund to enable rapid global and domestic response to outbreaks before they spread and minimize the need for supplemental emergency appropriations.

Department of Defense

1. \$250 million for the DOD Biological Threat Reduction Program to prevent and detect emerging threats, including accidental misuse or deliberate abuse of biological agents.

Helping countries build their capacity to defeat diseases within their own borders, before they travel regionally and globally, is critical to U.S. national and global health security. Investments in preparedness are fiscally strategic, given the overwhelming cost of response both domestically and globally. In the years since Ebola, the world, with American leadership, has made tremendous strides in this area. The COVID-19 outbreak shows that our work is not yet over.

We urge you to fully fund U.S. leadership to prevent, prepare for, detect, respond, and defeat emerging infectious diseases. We thank you for supporting the safety and health of Americans everywhere.

Sincerely,



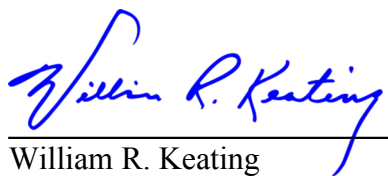
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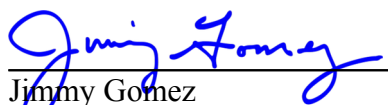
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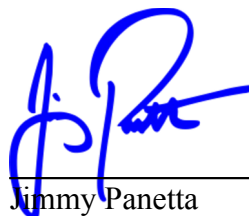
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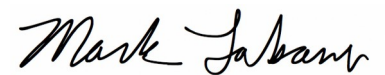
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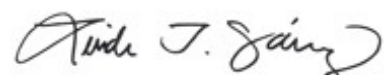
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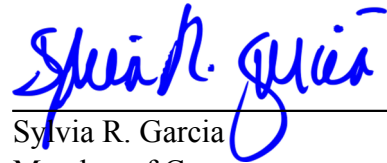
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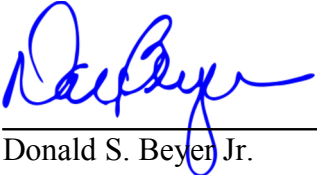
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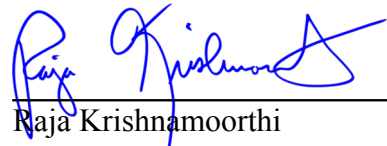
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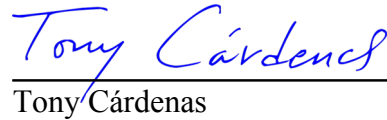
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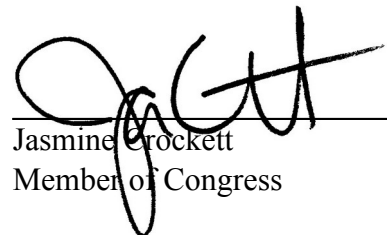
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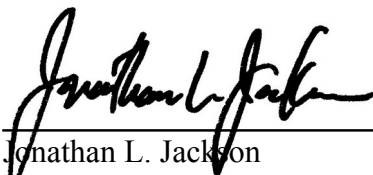
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