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On behalf of the Frontline Health Workers Coalition (FHWC), an alliance dedicated to strengthening the global health workforce, we respectfully request that the Fiscal Year 2027 State and Foreign Operations appropriations bill maintain Global Health Programs funding at least at Fiscal Year 2025 levels (approximately \$10 billion) and restore the \$10 million Global Health Workforce line item to continue strengthening frontline health systems around the world.

Global health investments are a proven strategic tool that keeps the United States safe, strong, and prosperous. U.S. leadership in global health has helped drive significant progress in reducing child and maternal mortality, combating HIV/AIDS and malaria, strengthening pandemic preparedness, and improving health outcomes in vulnerable communities. At the center of these efforts are frontline health workers, who serve as the backbone of health systems and the first line of defense against global health threats. Strategic U.S. investments in training, supporting, and protecting frontline health workers are essential to ensuring that global health programs deliver sustainable results.

To strengthen accountability and improve coordination across U.S. global health investments, the Coalition also respectfully requests the inclusion of the following report language:

*“Health Workforce -Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of the Act, the Secretary of State shall submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations that details efforts of Federal departments and agencies to train and support frontline health workers across all funding streams in a standardized way. The report shall include a breakdown of funding across all cadres of health workers that is—categorized as direct or indirect support; and differentiated between—single United States Government source funding for a specific disease or condition; and integrated funding approaches that use more than one United States Government source of funding to cover multiple diseases or conditions; A breakdown of funding that supports the training of health workers, including—(A) pre-service training to address workforce shortages, (B) in-service training for skill development, (C) institutional capacity building and retention measures, and (D) digital capacity and access for health workers; and a breakdown of funding that supports the salaries and employment of health workers, including— (A) funds allocated to workforce expansion, (B) salary support with details on plans to transition to domestic funding sources, and C) protection measures for health workers, including safe work conditions, labor standards, and protections during conflicts, pandemics, or crises. The report shall also include a measurable target for expanding funding for frontline health workers, including all the above types of support within the global health program fund in the next two years.”*

Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to strengthening global health and humanitarian assistance. The Coalition stands ready to work with Congress to ensure that U.S. investments in global health continue to deliver life-saving results around the world.

Sincerely,

The Frontline Health Workers Coalition