

Fight Extreme Poverty and Global AIDS

[Oct. 31, 2005] TAKE ACTION: Ask Congress to save lives and fund the fight against AIDS and extreme poverty. Right now, the U.S. Congress is making critical decisions that will impact millions of lives. They need to hear YOUR VOICE asking America to do more to win the fight against extreme poverty and global AIDS.

Over the next few days, Congress will be debating our budget for the next year and how to best spend each and every penny so that we can help the most people. The amazing thing is that some of the best ideas to beat global AIDS and poverty cost just that - pennies. For less than a dollar, a vaccine can save a life. For \$5, a bed net can stop a child in Africa from dying every 30 seconds from something as small as a mosquito bite. We can turn back the tide on AIDS with something as simple as a pill that costs less than a dollar a day, treatment that helps people live and continue to care for their families and communities. And we can lift even more families out of poverty only \$60 a year keeps a child in school or helps an entrepreneur start a small business.

Please email Congress today to say that you support the FY06 Senate Appropriations funding levels to fight extreme poverty, including \$3.6 billion to beat global AIDS.

It's more important than ever that this doesn't come at a cost to other key poverty-fighting efforts.

We ask you fill in the form below, please feel free to change the email subject line or customize the letter. Your changes will help ensure Congress receives and reads your letter!

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Sample Email

As one of your constituents, I'm writing to ask your support in funding the fight against extreme poverty and global AIDS.

With millions of lives at stake, it's time to turn America's ambitious promises into effective action. As you know:

- * ONE billion people around the world live on less than ONE dollar a day;
- * The U.S. government spends less than ONE percent on overcoming global AIDS and poverty;
- * Americans are uniting as ONE across political and religious divides to support action to overcome the emergency of global AIDS and extreme poverty.

Today, I ask that you urge your colleagues to support the Senate FY06 Appropriations funding levels to fight extreme poverty, including \$3.6 billion to beat global AIDS.

Congress really does have the power to change lives. Today, 350,000 people in poor countries are alive because America is fighting global AIDS and millions more lives will be helped by US initiatives to fight poverty. And this year, we have the power to do even more and support life-saving treatment for more than 500,000 additional people, by continuing to deliver medicines that help people live long enough to grow up healthy, raise children and crops and build businesses.

It's more important than ever that this doesn't come at a cost to other key poverty-fighting efforts. Together as ONE, America can transform the futures and hopes of a generation in the worlds poorest countries.

Sincerely,