



June 3, 2009

The Honorable Daniel Inouye  
The Honorable Thad Cochran  
The Honorable David Obey  
The Honorable Jerry Lewis  
The Capitol  
Washington, DC

Dear Chairman Inouye, Senator Cochran, Chairman Obey and Congressman Lewis:

I write to express ONE's support for elements of the conference report of the FY2009 supplemental appropriations bill. While the vast majority of the legislation relates to issues outside ONE's priorities, there are several critical provisions to assist the poorest countries we hope are signed into law.

**Global Fund**—We support the bill's inclusion of additional funding for the Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, TB, and Malaria. The Global Fund is a critical multilateral instrument for tackling these three deadly but treatable and preventable diseases. It has built a strong record of results, including placing over 2 million people on antiretroviral treatment to fight AIDS, 4.6 million on TB treatment, and distributed 70 million insecticide treated bed nets to combat malaria. The Global Fund continues to suffer from a \$264 million shortfall for FY09, and these additional funds will provide financing for a number of approved grants ready to deliver more life-saving results.

**IMF Gold**—We also support the language to direct not less than \$4 billion of the profits from gold sales to assist the poorest countries. Poor countries have been hit hard by the global economic downturn due to decreasing exports, remittances and commodity prices. We believe the profits from the sale of gold—originally proposed to support IMF operating costs—should be used to assist the poorest during this crisis by providing deeply concessional lending, grants, and debt relief.

**IMF Lending Conditions**—We support the language requiring the US to use its influence at the IMF to oppose any loan or activity that imposes budget caps on health care or education spending in the poorest countries.

**Emergency Humanitarian Relief**—We support the additional funding in the legislation to address emergency humanitarian situations, including food aid, disaster response, and refugee relief. ONE applauds Congress' efforts to increase amounts for these activities beyond the President's request so that the United States is prepared to respond to unforeseen global humanitarian emergencies that may arise over the next four months and into the early part of FY2010.

United States assistance to fight global poverty and disease is a reflection of our nation's moral and humanitarian values and also a strategic tool in our foreign policy to help prevent conflict, instability, and migration. We applaud the provisions in the FY2009 supplemental to enhance these efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Lane".

David Lane  
President & CEO