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The Honorable Richard Shelby
Ranking Member, Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Hal Rogers
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The Honorable Nita Lowey
Ranking Member, Committee on Appropriations
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November 25, 2014

Dear Chairwoman Mikulski, Ranking Member Shelby, Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Lowey:

Given the crucial commitment of the United States to combat Ebola, we respectfully request that the Committee fulfill the full \$6.18 billion emergency funding request from the Administration. These funds will enable the U.S. Government to continue the vital and lifesaving work necessary to bring an end to the largest and most widespread outbreak of Ebola ever at its source in West Africa, safeguard the American public from further spread of the disease, and support the development of treatments.

The requested \$6.18 billion would be invested throughout various government agencies to combat the disease on multiple fronts of the outbreak. The U.S. Government response will meet both immediate and longer-term requirements, with \$4.64 billion to be used for immediate response and \$1.54 billion to be included in a contingency fund to ensure that there are resources available to meet the evolving nature of the epidemic.

From the requested \$4.64 billion for immediate response, **\$1.83 billion will go to fund the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 's (CDC)** international and domestic work to prevent, detect, and respond to the Ebola epidemic by fortifying domestic public health systems, increasing support for monitoring of travelers at U.S. airports and controlling the epidemic in the hardest hit countries in West Africa through infection control, contact tracing, laboratory surveillance and training, education and outreach. An additional **\$596 million would go to the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund (PHSSEF), the National Institutes of Health, and the Food and Drug Administration** for clinical trials and manufacturing of vaccines and therapeutics, scientific disease modeling, and the purchase of and training for hospitals throughout the U.S. on the proper use of personal protection equipment (PPE). **The Department of Defense would also receive \$112 million through the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)** aimed at developing technologies that are relevant to the Ebola crisis and will help provide a stop gap until an effective vaccine is available.

Internationally, the U.S. response will be led by the **Unites States Agency for International Development (USAID)**. **Their \$1.98 billion request** will go directly to fight Ebola at its source in West Africa by expanding emergency assistance to contain the epidemic and expand global health security activities to prevent Ebola from spreading, addressing humanitarian needs, and supporting the recovery of affected countries in the region. The request also supports the medical and non-medical management of Ebola treatment units, providing the units with PPE and supplies, helping to establish the regional logistics network needed to support the international crisis response, increasing the number of safe burial teams and bolstering community education efforts critical to prevent the spread of the disease. **\$127 million would further go to the**

Department of State to expand the Department's medical support and evacuation capacity as well as additional resources to fund estimated U.S. contributions to the new United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response (UNMEER) and provide a voluntary contribution to the World Health Organization (WHO).

The U.S. has led the international response to the Ebola outbreak and this additional funding is essential to continue this lifesaving work. Thus far, Congress has approved nearly \$1 billion to fund the first wave of response to the crisis and as a nation we need to continue our commitment to ensuring global health security. Sustained U.S. financial support and involvement is essential to support the stable governance of these nations, which is jeopardized by the current crisis. Without additional funding, the CDC, the United States Agency for International Development, the Department of Defense, and other United States agencies would need to continue to divert funds from other critical programs, including other crises around the world.

The current Ebola crisis is not an isolated disease outbreak in rural communities; it is a regional health, humanitarian and global security crisis that needs the support of the international community to bring the outbreak to an end and ensure the stability of impacted countries. The only way we can ensure the safety of the American people is to target this outbreak at the source in West Africa. We urge you to make these powerful investments in global health security and end the current Ebola outbreak.

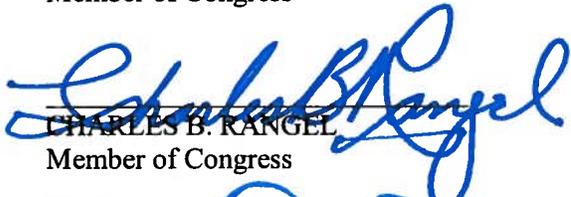
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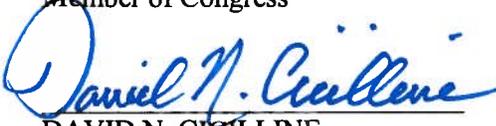

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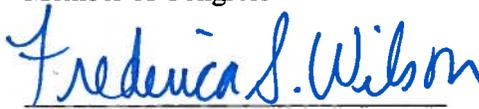

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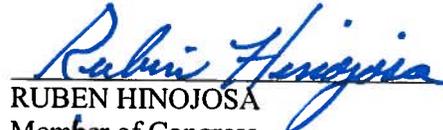
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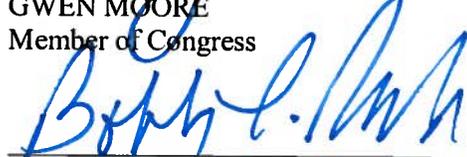
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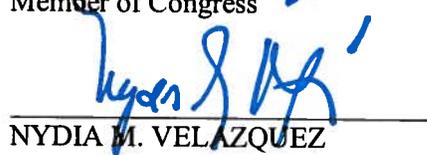
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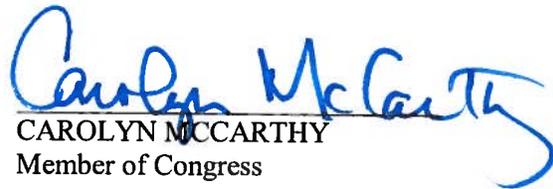
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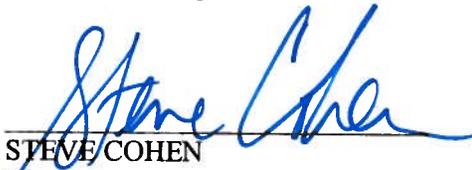
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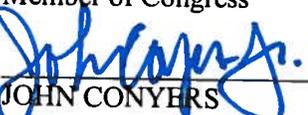
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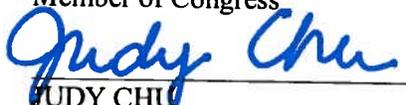
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