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Ambassador Mark Green
Administrator
U.S. Agency for International Development
1300 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Administrator Green,

The Infectious Diseases Society of America extends our congratulations on your confirmation as Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development. We thank you for your dedication to strengthening health globally through your work as one of the architects of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief during your time in Congress and as former Ambassador to Tanzania. We welcome the opportunity to be a resource to you and to work together to combat infectious diseases and improve health globally.

The Infectious Diseases Society of America represents more than 11,000 physicians and scientists devoted to patient care, prevention, public health, education, and research in the area of infectious diseases. IDSociety members share a passion for protecting and improving the health of individuals and communities in the U.S. and around the globe. Our members highlight and illustrate the value of ID physicians, and the critical roles they play in protecting and promoting public health, driving biomedical research and innovation and ensuring that patients receive safe and effective care. Our members lead global HIV, tuberculosis, antimicrobial resistance, global health security and other research and response programs dealing with emerging infectious threats.

IDSociety is a vocal advocate for U.S. leadership in global infectious disease research and responses, and now more than ever that leadership is urgently needed to ensure a healthier and more secure world by combatting the world's biggest infectious disease killers. Tuberculosis remains the world's biggest infectious disease killer, and with rising rates of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis and recent reports that MDR-TB is increasingly being spread from person to person rather than through inadequate medical care, USAID's expertise and leadership in the global tuberculosis response is paramount. HIV continues to kill more than one million people every year while almost two million individuals are newly infected each year. Largely thanks to U.S. leadership and investments, several countries in sub-Saharan Africa are on the cusp of HIV epidemic control, but only through sustained U.S. leadership can epidemic control be achieved globally.

In addition to leading during a pivotal time for TB and HIV, USAID must respond to rising rates of antimicrobial resistance, which threatens to undo the progress made over the past century in combatting infectious diseases. It's estimated that if left unaddressed, antimicrobial resistance can take 10 million lives globally by 2050. USAID is well positioned to help advance the global response to antimicrobial resistance along with other vital global health security threats like pandemic influenza and other emerging infectious diseases. USAID must also continue to be a vital partner

in the research, development and scale up of diagnostics, vaccines, medicines and other urgent global health technologies.

IDSA looks forward to seeing continued leadership from USAID in combating infectious diseases globally. We look forward to further collaborations with USAID on antimicrobial resistance, HIV, tuberculosis and global health security, and welcome an opportunity to meet with you to discuss these vital global health matters and to discuss how IDSA can be a resource to you as you move forward. Please contact IDSA's Vice President for global health, Christine Lubinski at clubinski@idsociety.org to schedule a meeting with IDSA leaders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Powderly". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

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