

The Honorable [Ambassador's Full Name]

The Ambassador of the United States of America

The Embassy of [Country Name]

[Embassy Address]

Dear Honorable Ambassador [Name],

As a citizen/resident of [Country Name], I have long held appreciation and respect for the United States' leadership in global health across several decades, particularly on tuberculosis (TB). U.S. investments in TB programs have had a transformative impact across the global south, helping to address deadly epidemics and strengthen healthcare systems. These lifesaving programs have been a strategic and virtuous partnership between our nations, and they have reflected our shared values of health, security, and prosperity.

However, the recent stop-work order brought many of these lifesaving services to a halt. In countries such as Lesotho and Sierra Leone, this has meant patients unable to access medication, clinics shuttering, delayed diagnoses, untreated malnutrition in children - the list goes on. We strongly urge your support for immediately restarting the entire spectrum of TB services, and that they remain a centerpiece of U.S. partnership into the future.

As the U.S. undertakes its foreign aid review, we hope you will continue to make TB a top priority. In 2024, USAID and The Philippines Government Department of Health partnered with private funding to pioneer a comprehensive program to treat TB in Ethiopia and The Philippines. Due to the shuttering of USAID, this program is no longer happening. U.S. investments have been essential in efforts to end TB, not only through direct funding for TB screening, treatment, and care, but also by bolstering local leadership and governmental healthcare investments. We urge you to champion the continuation and expansion of these programs in the global response to end TB.

Thank you for your leadership and partnership which has resulted in tremendous gains in the global fight against TB. The cuts to USAID are threatening lifesaving programs and vital infrastructure, and I urge you to take immediate action to efforts and ensure they are preserved moving forward. Global health efforts save lives, we cannot allow these programs to be dismantled.

Sincerely,

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