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To the Honorable [Name]:

I am writing to you to encourage the approval of legislation that addresses malaria and further global health issues. In support of the goals of the Global Health Forum's Minus Malaria Initiative, I encourage you to support the following legislative bills in taking steps to eradicate malaria:

- **HR 3560:** 21st Century Global Health Technology Act
- **HR 1410:** Newborn, Child, and Maternal Survival Act of 2009
- **HR 2139:** Initiating Foreign Assistance Reform Act of 2009
- **HR 2639:** Global Poverty Act of 2009

Malaria is a threat to a majority of the world's population today. As travelers abroad, I and other citizens of the United States are equally, if not more, susceptible to falling sick from malaria, a potentially life-threatening illness. Malaria is a global health issue in that its effects can be felt worldwide, especially in the global economy. It is my belief that by addressing the burden of malaria directly, the United States may responsibly aid countries in which malaria is endemic as they seek to become politically and economically stable.

I foremost urge you to support HR 2139 and HR 3560 on my belief that, as a developed country, it is the responsibility of the United States to eradicate this disease by providing effective foreign aid to endemic areas. It would be to our disadvantage if our methods of foreign assistance were inefficient and not sustainable. A 2006 bipartisan task force led by the Brookings Institution study concluded that "America's aspirations and aid dollars will continue to exceed our impact on the ground unless and until we refocus our foreign assistance strategy, modernize our aid infrastructure, and build our operational civilian capabilities." HR 2139 aims to rectify this problem. Furthermore, the United States holds the intellectual and physical power to produce technologies that can make a sizeable impact - but we have yet to harness such ability; HR 3560 provides the means for this to happen.

H.R. 1410 and H.R. 2639 propose important measures which will decrease the burden of this disease that is a threat to the world, including me and my community. The money spent by the United States on foreign aid could have a substantial impact on both infant and child mortality and global poverty if implemented correctly. Each of these bills supports an efficient, responsible approach to maladies that both contribute to, and are caused by, a high incidence of malaria. Most importantly, each proposes a comprehensive strategy rooted at the community level, allowing for efficacy and sustainability.

The United States should aim to make foreign assistance an effective and efficient process, and in doing so, should pursue global health initiatives that alleviate the burden of malaria. The U.S. should be leading the way towards a world 'minus malaria.' Along with supporting political action, GHF is making additional efforts to combat this disease. **With each letter we send to Congress, we promise to donate an insecticide-treated bed net to a family in Sierra Leone.** Through political collaborations and student-motivated philanthropy, we believe in a world minus malaria. Please take active steps towards the approval of HR 3560, HR 1410, HR 2139, and HR 2639. Please keep me informed with respect to your thoughts and final decisions on these topics.

Sincerely,

*...in support of Global Health Forum*

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