



November 16, 2022

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McCarthy, and Minority Leader McConnell:

On behalf of the more than 500 members of the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition (USGLC), including business, military, and faith-based leaders in all 50 states, thank you for your support of America's development and diplomacy programs and your commitment to a strong and effective International Affairs Budget.

As negotiations to finalize Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 spending resume in earnest, I **urge you to adopt a topline of no less than \$64.6 billion for the FY23 Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations bill**. At a time when the world has been upended by threats from authoritarianism to acute food insecurity to a historic refugee crisis to a global pandemic, the stakes could not be higher for America's global leadership role and our ability to advance the security and economic interests of American families.

Over the past two years, Congress has shown tremendous leadership in approving emergency international affairs resources to respond to acute crises. As the war in Ukraine escalates further, it is imperative that Congress not waiver in providing necessary additional emergency support. At the same time, these emergency resources cannot come at the expense of sustainable, predictable funding for America's development and diplomacy programs. That is why it is vital for Congress to reach a bipartisan spending deal that puts the State-Foreign Operations bill on a funding trajectory that meets the scope and scale of today's unprecedented global challenges.

Funding for America's development and diplomacy programs has long enjoyed wide bipartisan support – and this year should be no exception given that global instability is impacting the stability of America's economic, health, and security interests every day. The USGLC looks forward to continuing to work closely with you in the coming days and weeks to ensure that funding in the final FY23 State-Foreign Operations bill reflects the urgent need to advance America's interests and values.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liz Schroyer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Liz Schroyer
USGLC President & CEO