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Dear Republican Appropriators:

We write to you as members of Republican Administrations and as part of the *Mothers Day Every Day's* Advisory Committee, a bipartisan campaign of the White Ribbon Alliance and CARE representing a group of former Administration officials, Members of Congress and advocates on our commitment to improving the survival and health of mothers and newborns.

This is a uniquely challenging time for our country, and we recognize that budget cuts need to be made to ensure a stronger and more secure tomorrow. However, funding for global health and more specifically maternal, newborn and child health is among the most cost-effective, life-saving and security-enhancing investments the U.S. can make today. These investments emphasize measured outcomes and accountability, save lives, empower economies, continue to bring stability to many areas of the world and spread U.S. goodwill.

As you continue to work on your Fiscal Year 2012 appropriations bill, we urge you to support investments in women and children, without reducing funding to other critical humanitarian accounts. These investments are proven to increase the world's stability and economic productivity.

Women play a fundamental role in the physical, social and economic health of their families, communities and nations. Their health before, during and after childbirth is critical to the health of the family and to the long-term security and economic stability of their community and country. Children with healthy mothers are more likely to receive immunizations, attend school and to grow into healthy, productive members of society as adults. An investment in maternal and newborn health is an investment in the health and security of a nation.

As you and your colleagues work through this process, feel free to look to us as a resource and contact the White Ribbon Alliance and CARE's *Mothers Day Every Day* campaign through Sheena Arora ( 202-550-9569 or [sheena@message-global.com](mailto:sheena@message-global.com)) with any questions.

We look forward to working with you to ensure the United States maintains its strong leadership and proud legacy of supporting cost-effective approaches to improving the health of women and children.

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