

The Honorable Susan Collins  
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray  
Vice Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham  
Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee  
on State, Foreign Operations,  
and Related Programs  
United States Senate  
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The Honorable Brian Schatz  
Ranking Member, Appropriations Subcommittee  
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and Related Programs  
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Dear Chairwoman Collins, Vice Chairwoman Murray, Chairman Graham, and Ranking Member Schatz,

As nonprofit organizations that collectively believe in the value of the international financial institutions (IFIs) in addressing poverty and advancing global development, we write to urge you to uphold U.S. commitments to core institutions that serve the poorest countries by fully funding the U.S.' pledges to the International Development Association, the African Development Fund, and the Asian Development Fund, in the Senate's Fiscal Year 2026 State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations bill. While the President's Budget Request includes funding for the International Development Association and the Asian Development Fund, the House National Security, Department of State, and Related Programs Appropriations bill does not meet this request. U.S. contributions to these institutions, and the African Development Fund, provide vital sources of affordable finance for the world's poorest countries, used to reduce poverty and invest in their people and development goals. Projects financed by these institutions are designed to improve access to clean water, broaden participation in the financial system, rehabilitate and construct infrastructure, and more. These institutions provide grants and/or below-market rate loans, so their support is less likely to contribute to unsustainable debt in recipient countries. At a time when low-income countries are spending more on debt service than on education, health care, and social protection combined, continued support for these institutions is not just important – it is urgent. For nations struggling to protect their people and stabilize their economies, these institutions remain a financial lifeline that the United States and other major economies must safeguard.

The United States has long supported the International Development Association, African Development Fund, and Asian Development Fund because they offer strong value and proven impact. These institutions are backed by diverse groups of donors, who regularly contribute significant resources to these institutions' replenishment cycles. Donor contributions from each replenishment are leveraged into larger financial packages. These financial packages are used to implement investment programs, formed by stakeholders during replenishment negotiations that support education, health systems, infrastructure, climate resilience, and efforts to reduce hunger. U.S. leadership is essential to maintaining the strength and credibility of these institutions and sets the pace for global ambition by encouraging others to meet their

commitments. The United States has also been a leader at the IFIs in demanding good stewardship of public funds, including through the robust oversight role of Congress over U.S. policy at the institutions.

The United States has made pledges to the current replenishment cycles of the International Development Association, African Development Fund, and Asian Development Fund. Replenishment negotiations are key opportunities for the U.S. to maintain its shareholder standing and push for policies and projects that align with American priorities and values. However, the U.S.' continued leadership at these institutions depends on its ability to meet its existing financial obligations to these replenishments. Historically, U.S. contributions to the institutions have been relatively modest in dollar amount but powerful in impact. The United States already has outstanding arrears to many of the IFIs, and falling further behind on U.S. commitments will be detrimental to U.S. credibility and influence at the institutions. Furthermore, the loss of U.S. financial and political support would reduce these institutions' abilities to carry out programming for economic development and poverty alleviation.

Failing to meet the U.S. commitments to the International Development Association, African Development Fund, and Asian Development Fund would undermine U.S. leadership at these institutions and compound the economic instability faced by many low-income countries. We urge Congress to fully fund U.S. commitments to these institutions.

Thank you for your leadership and for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,

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