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Talking Points for CUGH's Global Health Advocacy Efforts

Note: Specific asks are in **BOLD**.

Fogarty Center

- **Maintain or increase Fogarty International Center's (FIC) budget of \$69.1m and DO NOT eliminate this Center as proposed in the President's budget. Otherwise the following will be eliminated:**
- The Fogarty Center (FIC) is now entering its 50th year. Eliminating this Center will eliminate the life saving work in: fighting infectious diseases, non-communicable diseases (dementia, heart disease, cancer, diabetes, stroke, mental health, injury, lung diseases)
- 80% of its budget is spent on US institutions; it has trained >5,000 scientists worldwide; building collaborations between US and overseas institutions etc. FIC has trained over 2000 scientists from over 100 nations to treat HIV/AIDS patients alone (HIV Research Training Program); it supports jobs in over 15 US universities (Emory, Tulane, Harvard, Boston U, JHU, U of Georgia etc); it develops countermeasures to pandemics and bioterrorism via its Intl Epidemiology and Population Studies Program.
- The Fogarty Center's training programs underpin many successful US-led global initiatives including PEPFAR, Pres.'s malaria initiative and global health security agenda.
- Fogarty's Research and Policy for Infectious Disease Dynamics Group partners with the Department of Homeland Security to better predict and prevent the spread of lethal diseases in humans and animals such as the Ebola virus.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- **Maintain or increase the Centers for Disease Control's budget.** This includes fully supporting the Prevention in Public Health Fund, responsible for preventing infectious and non-communicable diseases. The President proposed cutting (in the defeated American Health Care Act) the CDC's budget by \$1B (20% of its budget) which will eliminate this Fund.

The impact of a 20% cut to CDC would also:

- force the CDC to close surveillance activities in multiple global disease detection centers in India, Guatemala, and South Africa which are at high risk for epidemic diseases; eliminate innovative diagnostic testing to identify new and emerging pathogens; currently the CDC has 50 staff on call to deploy within 24 hours of a disease outbreak. These cuts would significantly delay this response capability. CDC's Disease Detection centers have developed 347 new diagnostic tests in the last decade, which allow for the rapid identification, treatment and containment of potentially lethal diseases. These cuts would severely hamper this capability
- In 15 priority countries, the CDC would no longer be able to maintain the boots on the ground force needed to collect and analyze vital data to identify and contain potentially lethal outbreaks.
- Since 2006, the CDC has responded to 1,207 disease outbreaks within 24 hours of being asked for assistance.
- The cuts would close or eliminate one fourth of all studies on HIV care and treatment and end efforts to provide high-quality HIV care for more than 3.5 million existing patients with HIV.

TB kills 1.5 million people a year. These cuts would result in the complete withdrawal of CDC's Global TB expertise from three countries with the world's highest burden of drug-resistant TB: India, Vietnam and Kenya. These cuts would increase the risk of parasitic diseases in the US. It would result in a failure to check over 8,000 samples submitted by local/state departments a year resulting in thousands of Americans potentially facing lifelong disability or death.

The cuts would eliminate the CDC's ability to purchase drugs for the treatment of life-threatening parasitic diseases that are only available through the CDC. The cuts would severely limit the CDC's ability to respond to outbreaks of parasitic infections.

State Department

- The State Department includes USAID, Peace Corps, etc., whose funds should be maintained or increased. **Do not enact the 37% (\$20B) proposed reduction to the State Dept.** in the President's Budget. USAID is a vital strategic asset needed to reduce threats to the US as has been clearly stated by senior Defense leaders (Generals McMaster, Mattis, Petraeus, etc.). USAID's budget equates to 1% of the total US budget.

Environmental Protection Agency

- **Do not enact the proposed 31% reduction to the Environmental Protection Agency's Budget (from \$8.1B to \$5 B).** This would eliminate 25% of its 15,000 person workforce. It would result in the elimination/reduction of cleanup programs in Chesapeake Bay, South Florida, the Great Lakes, Gulf of Mexico etc.; eliminate grants to ensure US communities have access to safe tap water; eliminate \$900M in research into energy efficient and renewable energy sources; reduce enforcement capabilities from \$10M to \$4M; and eliminate 200 jobs which would open communities to a higher risk of pollution.
- The Environmental Protection Agency's purpose is to protect human health and the environment. A healthy environment is essential for the health and productivity of the United States. The agency must have the ability to enforce regulations that protect Americans from environmental hazards and pollution.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

- **Do not cut NOAA's budget** which supports satellite programs (GOESAT) that monitors the Earth's climate and solar storms. NOAA provides vital information on severe weather, fisheries management, and ecosystems that affect over 33% of US' GDP.

Additional Talking Points

- Government-funded science does what the private sector will not do. The National Institutes for Health's 27 institutes and centers is the world's leading public funder of biomedical research. They enhance health, life expectancy while reducing illness and disability in the US and around the world. Infectious diseases remain a clear danger. Non-communicable diseases such as cancer, mental health, heart disease, lung disease, diabetes and injury now kill more Americans than infectious diseases. As the population ages, this issue will worsen. NIH funds research to prevent and develop cures for these diseases.
- The Fogarty Center, with a budget of \$69.1 million, is the smallest of all NIH centers. However, it fosters research collaborations between US and overseas institutions to develop cures and programs that save lives and reduce disability. The Center is working on a variety of challenges important to the American people including: finding a cure for Alzheimer's disease,

research in stroke, working to identify an HIV vaccine with South Africa, developing new medications, tackling the pandemic of fake medications which kill millions and are unwittingly being bought by Americans, identifying new cancer drugs in the waters off Panama, and finding ways to address the number one killer of young Americans when they travel abroad, road traffic accidents.

- The President's proposed cut of \$5.8 billion (20% of the NIH budget) will devastate America's global leadership in research and science. 90% of NIH's budget funds approximately 300,000 researchers who are engaged in lifesaving scientific research.
- The President's proposed cuts to the State Dept. which include funding for USAID (budget = 1% of the US budget) will weaken the US' ability to engage in the diplomacy and development needed to prevent instability and conflict. Recently, 121 US generals and admirals said investing in the State Department's diplomatic capabilities and USAID's development initiatives are vital tools to reduce instability and prevent conflict. The President's proposal to cut State's budget by 37% or \$20B will significantly harm the United States' ability to keep itself safe. This includes cuts of 50% to UN agencies that fund peacekeeping operations and international development.

The US government agencies and departments stated here help keep Americans safer and healthier. However, they are slated to endure devastating cuts. These agencies are also the largest employers of scientists in the United States, a major generator of jobs and have kept the US **the** global leader in scientific research and innovation. They underpin research used by the private and public sectors.

Cutting the budgets of these organizations will make the Americans sicker, poorer and less safe. It will enable other nations to overtake the US as the global leader in scientific innovation.