

CUGH Press Release

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Protect US's Leadership and Support for PAHO- Open Letter to Sign and Share

Please see the open letter (below) calling for continued United States engagement and leadership in the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). The US Administration's FY2027 budget request proposes eliminating U.S. funding for PAHO. Deadly infectious diseases and other emerging threats remain a persistent threat across the hemisphere. They are best addressed through effective collaboration amongst nations. Leaving PAHO poses a grave security risk to the United States leaving it far less prepared to identify and respond to public health emergencies and other threats.

Founded at the urging of President Theodore Roosevelt in 1902 in Washington, DC. PAHO has helped protect American security and prosperity by strengthening disease surveillance, coordinating outbreak response, supporting vaccination efforts, and fostering collaboration across the Americas. It remains the only international health organization of which the United States is still a member. Continued U.S. engagement is not simply a matter of global health; it is an investment in American health, economic, and national security interests.

The full letter is included at www.friendsofpaho.org.

Thank you so much for considering signing this letter as I have and sharing the following link widely.

Call to Action — Friends of PAHO

Thank you,

Keith