The Honorable Nita Lowey  
Chairwoman  
Subcommittee on State Foreign Operations and Related Programs  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-1-2, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515  

The Honorable Harold Rogers  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on State Foreign Operations and Related Programs  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1016 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  

Dear Chairwoman Lowey and Ranking Member Rogers:

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2020 State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, I am writing to request that you include the following language on autism treatment:

"The Administrator for the United States Agency for International Development shall establish and administer a health and education grant program to be known as the "Global Autism Assistance Program" to support activities by nongovernmental organizations and other service providers, including advocacy groups, focused on autism in developing countries, and to establish a "teach the teachers" program to train health and education professionals working with children with autism in developing countries.

"Under this program, the Administrator, in consultation with knowledgeable autism organizations such as the World Autism Organization, the Autism Society of America, and Autism Speaks, shall designate not fewer than two regions in developing countries that are determined to require assistance in dealing with autism; and to have sufficient familiarity with issues related to autism to make effective use of the Global Autism Assistance Program."

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH
Member of Congress