On behalf of the Coalition to End Violence against Women and Girls Globally, we urge you to increase investments and commitments to global gender equality in the FY2024 State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations bill and Committee report as well as fully fund the International Affairs Budget at $72.9 billion. U.S. leadership in advancing gender equality furthermore requires maintaining robust funding for the International Affairs Budget (function 150). Proposed investments in gender equality should not come at the expense of poverty-focused development, global health, and humanitarian assistance.

GENDER EQUALITY
(STATE AND FOREIGN OPERATIONS)

$3,450,000,000
for gender equality to proportionally scale up to 20% of foreign assistance spending dedicated to closing gender gaps.

GENDER EQUALITY
STAFFING & TRAINING

Increase dedicated funding at USAID, the State Department, MCC, the DFC, and other relevant foreign policy agencies for increased gender staff and gender training to implement the gender strategy, and policy and legislative mandates.

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

$414,000,000

to support efforts to prevent and respond to GBV worldwide.