

AMENDMENT TO H.R. ___

OFFERED BY MR. FORTENBERRY OF NEBRASKA

(Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2012)

At the end of title IV, add the following:

1 **SEC. 4xx. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING REDUCING MA-**
2 **LARIA PREVALENCE AND DEATHS.**

3 (a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress finds the following:

4 (1) Malaria is a leading cause of death and dis-
5 ease in many developing countries, despite being
6 completely preventable and treatable.

7 (2) According to the Centers for Disease Con-
8 trol and Prevention, 35 countries, the majority of
9 them in sub-Saharan Africa, account for 98 percent
10 of global malaria deaths.

11 (3) Young children and pregnant women are
12 particularly vulnerable and disproportionately af-
13 fected by malaria.

14 (4) Malaria greatly affects child health, with es-
15 timates that children under the age of 5 account for
16 85 percent of malaria deaths each year.

17 (5) Malaria poses great risks to maternal
18 health, causing complications during delivery, ane-
19 mia, and low birth weights, with estimates that ma-

1 malaria infection causes 400,000 cases of severe mater-
2 nal anemia and from 75,000 to 200,000 infant
3 deaths annually in sub-Saharan Africa.

4 (6) Heightened national, regional, and inter-
5 national efforts to prevent and treat malaria over re-
6 cent years have made measurable progress and have
7 helped save hundreds of thousands of lives.

8 (7) The World Health Organization's World
9 Malaria Report 2010 reports that in 2010, more Af-
10 rican households (42 percent) owned at least one in-
11 secticide-treated mosquito net (ITN), more children
12 under 5 years of age (35 percent) were using an
13 ITN compared to previous years, and household ITN
14 ownership reached more than 50 percent in 19 Afri-
15 can countries.

16 (8) The World Health Organization's World
17 Malaria Report 2010 further states that a total of
18 11 countries and one area in the African region
19 showed a reduction of more than 50 percent in ei-
20 ther confirmed malaria cases or malaria admissions
21 and deaths in recent years (Algeria, Botswana, Cape
22 Verde, Eritrea, Madagascar, Namibia, Rwanda, Sao
23 Tome and Principe, South Africa, Swaziland, Zam-
24 bia, and Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania),

1 and that in all countries, the decreases are associ-
2 ated with intense malaria control interventions.

3 (9) Continued national, regional, and inter-
4 national investment is critical to continue to reduce
5 malaria deaths and to prevent backsliding in those
6 areas where progress has been made.

7 (10) The United States Government has played
8 a major leadership role in the recent progress made
9 toward reducing the global burden of malaria, par-
10 ticularly through the President's Malaria Initiative
11 (PMI) and the United States contribution to the
12 Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Ma-
13 laria.

14 (11) Recognizing the burden of malaria on
15 many partner countries, PMI has set the target for
16 2015 of reducing the burden of malaria by 50 per-
17 cent for 450,000,000 people, representing 70 per-
18 cent of the at-risk population in Africa.

19 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—Congress—

20 (1) supports the achievable target of ending
21 malaria deaths by 2015;

22 (2) recognizes the importance of reducing ma-
23 laria prevalence and deaths to improve overall child
24 and maternal health, especially in sub-Saharan Afri-
25 ca;

1 (3) commends the recent progress made toward
2 reducing global malaria deaths and prevalence, par-
3 ticularly through the efforts of the President's Ma-
4 laria Initiative and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS,
5 Tuberculosis, and Malaria;

6 (4) welcomes ongoing public-private partner-
7 ships to research and develop more effective and af-
8 fordable tools for malaria diagnosis, treatment, and
9 vaccination;

10 (5) supports continued leadership by the United
11 States in bilateral and multilateral efforts to combat
12 malaria; and

13 (6) encourages other members of the inter-
14 national community to sustain and scale up their
15 support and financial contributions for efforts world-
16 wide to combat malaria.

