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Dear Ms. Goodman:

On behalf of the Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network (MFAN), we are writing to thank you for the recent public announcement of the U.S. baseline figure for tracking its commitment to the Addis Tax Initiative, which calls for a doubling of support for domestic resource mobilization (DRM) by 2020. We are pleased to see the baseline figure of \$26 million covers the DRM work of the U.S. Agency for International Development, the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the U.S. Department of State, and the Millennium Challenge Corporation.

By establishing this baseline, the U.S. is sending a clear signal that DRM assistance plays an invaluable role in raising the necessary resources to deal with today's most pressing development challenges. Official development assistance, while an ever-shrinking portion of overall development finance, is already proving to be an effective catalyst for enabling countries to generate more of their own revenue to spend on development priorities.

Now that the baseline has been established, we are looking forward to seeing more details about how this baseline figure breaks down across the specified agencies. We are also interested to see more information about how individual agencies intend to achieve the 2020 overall commitment through their respective annual policy and budget planning, especially as we look towards Fiscal Year 2018.

We hope that as the U.S. moves forward to meet its commitment, activities will align with MFAN's guiding principles on DRM, such as: ensuring that resources are allocated in line with partner country priorities; taking a holistic approach to DRM, including building up national government capacity to collect revenues as well as civil society capacity to hold governments accountable; rigorously monitoring and evaluating DRM programs; and making results transparent.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to meet this important commitment.

Sincerely,



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