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REALLY good stuff from the GHI hearing this morning with Gates and Clinton. ☺

We should make sure the Secretary knows what an instrumental role Ann Gavaghan has played at all levels of this.
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Stories are starting to roll in...

From: Peterson, Jennifer L
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I was just chatting with Maureen about highlighting today's testimony. She can send out some of the quotes below via PEPFAR's Twitter feed, and will give State a heads up about the tweets in case they want to push them out too. She is also posting the video of the hearing on our Facebook page.

We could consider doing a Dipnote blog from EG when he testifies, and we could quote today's testimony.

Here are some articles out:

Clinton: Improving foreign health is good policy
CNN International - March 10, 2010

Washington (CNN) -- Aside from a moral obligation, improving the health of people in other nations is smart foreign policy, former President Clinton said Wednesday. "We live in an interdependent world in which we have learned the hard way that no matter how brilliantly our forces perform, we can not kill, jail or occupy all of our adversaries," he told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in discussing why the issue of global health should be important to the United States.

Clinton, Gates Say US Help Abroad Improves Image
Associated Press - March 10, 2010

Bill Clinton and Bill Gates have told a Senate panel that U.S. investments in fighting AIDS, malaria and other diseases in underdeveloped nations play a vital role in improving America's image abroad. Clinton said Wednesday that helping the

world's poorest tackle their health problems is "intrinsically good for America's foreign policy." The former president said the work shouldn't be politicized.

Double Bill-ing on the Hill

Politico – March 10, 2010

Bill Clinton and Bill Gates urged senators to devote more resources to global health today – and said that there are limits to what their own fame and wealth can accomplish. "My goal is to go to places where my being there won't cause problems for foreign policy," Clinton said. ... Gates and Clinton agreed broadly that the United States should continue and intensify its efforts to combat infectious diseases. On other global development issues, they sometimes clarified each other's remarks.

From: Gavaghan, Ann
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Senator John Kerry: "The Global Health Initiative has rightly identified several core principles that should guide our thinking.... I hope they will provide the underpinnings for strong bipartisan support going forward for advancing global health and strengthening the fight against HIV/AIDS."

Bill Gates:

"I believe GHI is an important next step – indeed a natural progression – in U.S. efforts to address health challenges around the world."

"I am pleased that the GHI will include an increased emphasis on family health and the myriad of interventions that, when taken together and integrated in both approach and execution, make families healthier and societies more productive."

"...the GHI aims for greater resources and a fresh approach to deploying resources in order to maximize health outcomes in as short a time as possible. It seeks to concentrate resources in order to better achieve scale in selected countries. And it utilizes targeted funding increases on diseases and conditions that have a devastating health and economic impact on countries yet are entirely preventable or treatable. **These are laudable goals.**"

"I'm pleased that the Global Health Initiative aims to build off of and improve successful American platforms such as PEPFAR and PMI, and that it will enable a more integrated approach to health both here in Washington, D.C., and on the ground – where we lose patients if we can't address their needs comprehensively."

"Yet 9 million children dying unnecessarily each year is still 9 million too many. I believe that a combination of interventions, as suggested by the approach of the Global Health Initiative, can cut this figure in half again in well under 15 years."