

“Question: The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) is the world’s largest organization providing family planning services and maternal and child health care. It works to improve access to and the quality of voluntary family planning services in approximately 150 countries in the poorest regions of the world. The United States has been inconsistent in its support of UNFPA, but recently Congress and the Administration reinstated funding for UNFPA for FY-2000 and for FY-2001. Will you work with the Senate to ensure that sufficient funding continues for this vital health organization?

Answer: We recognize that UNFPA **does invaluable work through its programs in maternal and child health care, voluntary family planning, screening for reproductive tract cancers, breast-feeding promotion, and HIV/AIDS prevention.** Its multilateral activities also can complement our important bilateral population assistance efforts. We look forward to working with you and your colleagues **to secure the funding necessary for UNFPA** to continue these activities. We will also work closely with the Congress on other areas of concern, including oversight of UNFPA’s program in China.”