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H. R. 1485

To provide additional appropriations for the fiscal year 2003 for the MTCT-Plus Initiative at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 27, 2003

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "Mother-to-Child Trans-
5 mission Plus Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2003."

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds as follows:

8 (1) Any truly effective program to make signifi-
9 cant inroads in addressing the HIV/AIDS pandemic
10 must go beyond just breaking the cycle of trans-

1 mission of HIV/AIDS from mother-to-child to a pro-
2 gram that takes care of the whole family after the
3 birth of the child (mother-to-child transmission plus,
4 or MTCT-Plus).

5 (2) For societies to continue providing food,
6 education, healthcare, shelter, and other basic neces-
7 sities of life, saving the child is not enough; contin-
8 ued care of the mother, father and other adult fam-
9 ily members is necessary for the child to grow and
10 thrive.

11 (3) Each year, more than 2.5 million women be-
12 come infected, more than 500,000 transmit the virus
13 to their infants and more than 1.5 million women
14 die each year from AIDS. Groundbreaking progress
15 has been made in the prevention of mother-to-child
16 transmission. However, these programs offer no HIV
17 care for the mothers themselves. The tragedy is that
18 most of the children saved by MTCT programs are
19 likely to be motherless by the time they can walk.

20 (4) Columbia University's Mailman School of
21 Public Health, the United Nations, and a coalition
22 of private foundations have committed \$50 million to
23 provide life-long care and treatment to more than
24 10,000 women, children, and other family members

1 in a family-centered care model that can be rep-
2 licated around the world.

3 **SEC. 3. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR**

4 **2003.**

5 (a) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to such sums as
6 are otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2003, there
7 are appropriated \$75 million to Columbia University's
8 Mailman School of Public Health for its MTCT-Plus Ini-
9 tiative, which has committed funds from the cooperation
10 of private foundations and the United Nations for the first
11 major multi-country, family-centered AIDS treatment pro-
12 gram for developing countries in Africa and Asia.

13 (b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Notwithstanding any
14 other provision of law, sums appropriated under sub-
15 section (a) shall remain available until expended.

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