LETTER OF SUPPORT TO IMPROVE CERVICAL CANCER PREVENTION WORLDWIDE

We understand that Cervical Cancer Action is gathering evidence of global and country-level support for improved cervical cancer prevention. This letter indicates our strong support for comprehensive programs to protect girls and older women from this terrible disease. In our opinion, cervical cancer is something we can and should do something about.

The pain and suffering caused by cervical cancer hits the developing world particularly hard. As you may know, 85 percent of cervical cancer deaths occur in the developing world, in large part because screening programs do not reach many women in time. Improved screening and treatment, along with future vaccination, will be important elements of programs to reduce cervical cancer mortality.

As a participant in the 2nd Stop Cervical Cancer Conference in Africa: Accelerating Access to HPV Vaccines Conference, Kampala – Uganda, (July 21st – 2nd, 2008), having listened and contributed to various discussions, I now realize the urgency of focusing attention on Cervical Cancer prevention with particular emphasis on increasing access to screening services and making the HPV vaccine affordable for the women of Africa.

Signed

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