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To Cervical Cancer Action:

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 are a major affliction for women of all ages in the developing world, particularly in countries of Africa and South Asia. 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.

We share your commitment that access to new technologies should follow disease, not wealth. It is crucial that the costs of HPV vaccine and new screening technologies be reduced, and that access be increased as quickly as possible. We stand ready to work in partnership with the global community to make these new tools available appropriately and effectively to the girls and women who need them most.

Sincerely,

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