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I have known Leonard Kaplan for many years, and have attended several of his Wealth and Giving Forums. Leonard's work there reflected his keen awareness of each individual's responsibility for the world's challenges. I'm pleased to see that with the Alliance for Global Good, he is now taking the next logical step of addressing those interrelated challenges directly. The Alliance's approach of bringing together existing effective and efficient organizations for heightened impact makes a great deal of sense. Under his leadership, the Alliance advises philanthropists on organizations poised to make significant progress in solving five of the leading concerns worldwide: health, poverty, education, environment, and world relations. Moreover, the Alliance's production of this Bipartisan Congressional Conference on Innovation in Giving and Philanthropy in the current political climate reflects the urgency of the situations addressed by the Alliance. I am confident that with his leadership, the Alliance is positioned to help make more likely the kind of world that even Leonard would be satisfied to leave for his children and grandchildren.

I deeply regret my inability to join you today for your exciting and dynamic program. All best,

