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March 18, 2019 — Statement regarding the Global Fragility Act:

The Charity & Security Network, which advocates for over a dozen humanitarian, human rights, development, and peacebuilding organizations, calls on Congress to pass the Global Fragility Act to invest in ending violence around the world.

The sponsors of the Global Fragility Act reflect a bipartisan determination, shared by the American people, to end violence through studying and investing in ending the conditions that allow violence to thrive. It was introduced in the House by Representatives Engel (D-NY), McCaul (R-TX), Smith (D-WA), Wagner (R-MO), Keating (D-MA), and Rooney (R-FL) and in the Senate by Senators Coons (D-DE), Graham (R-SC), Merkley (D-OR), Rubio (R-FL), and Young (R-IN).

These bills, H.R. 2116 and S.727, would authorize the creation of a thorough, long-term strategy, for both aid and defense agencies, to address and eradicate violence amongst the most vulnerable places in the world. The Global Fragility Act would address the conditions that encourage and incentivize violence and would significantly contribute to a more peaceful world for all people.

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The Charity & Security Network advocates for nonprofits that work with vulnerable populations against overzealous regulations that prevent humanitarian and human rights organizations from serving those who need it most. We celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of fighting on behalf of organizations doing important work in 2019 and intend to continue working for as long as their work is impeded. You can learn more at [charityandsecurity.org](http://charityandsecurity.org) or follow us on Twitter at [@charitysecurity](https://twitter.com/charitysecurity).