

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 155

To provide additional appropriations for the fiscal year 2005 for the MTCT-Plus Initiative at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 2005

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

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## 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 2005”.

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 **2005.**

5 (a) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to such sums as  
6 are otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2005, 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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