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Madam Speaker, every day on the floor, we have much spirited debate. Often there is some agreement. But I think there is one thing that every Member of this Chamber can agree, the needless loss to water-borne disease of a child every 15 seconds. Four children will die before I finish my 1-minute here this morning. This sum is a tragedy that we must and should act to avert.

The good news is it is something we can change. We can make water and sanitation a cornerstone of United States foreign aid policy. We have legislation moving through our House International Relations Committee, passed unanimously, that would make this important change. There is legislation on the other body, encouragingly introduced by both the majority leader and the minority leader, that is parallel in nature.

Yesterday, Chairman Hyde and I invited each Member of the House to join over 60 other bipartisan cosponsors to add their names to H.R. 1973, the Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act. This critical bipartisan legislation will enable the United States to fulfill our international obligation and prevent this tragic, unnecessary loss of life around the world.