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I chose to join the President's Pledge Against Global Poverty because I agree strongly with the basic premise of the Pledge. The radical inequalities in our world today must be addressed, to make it more likely that people in all countries have a chance to live safe, healthy, fulfilling lives. These inequalities cannot be reduced unless those of us who are comparatively well off in richer countries make our contributions to this cause. Arguments by Peter Singer and others demonstrate conclusively that if many of us who make \$100,000 or more gave 5% of our income to this cause, the inequalities would be dramatically reduced. My husband Robert Keohane and I believe that we have a moral obligation to heed this call, and we are glad that Ann Svennungsen has provided a way of doing this that will encourage others to join us in this profoundly important endeavor.



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