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TOP 5 REASONS TO ERADICATE POLIO

1 THE HUMAN COST: If we choose to control polio rather than eradicate it, the virus could rebound and cause 200,000 cases annually in the next 10 years.

2 IT'S ACHIEVABLE: We have effective vaccines to end polio and the means to reach all children.

3 IT'S A GOOD INVESTMENT: An independent study published in the medical journal *Vaccine* estimates that the return on the global investment in a polio-free world will reach \$40 to \$50 billion within the next 20 years.

4 IT STRENGTHENS THE SYSTEM: Our polio eradication efforts have established an active global disease surveillance network that is being used for other health interventions, such as measles vaccinations, deworming tablets, and mosquito bed nets.

5 IT SETS THE STAGE: The ability to reach all children with the polio vaccine is proof that we can succeed in our next major global health initiative.



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