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# **RESULTS Global Poverty Media**

January – June 2020

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Idaho	<a href="#">Together</a>	<i>Idaho Press</i>	Letter to the editor
Idaho	<a href="#">Coordinated opening</a>	<i>Idaho Statesman</i>	Letter to the editor
Illinois	<a href="#">Voice of the Reader: Support</a>	<i>The Southern Illinoisan</i>	Letter to the editor

Indiana	<a href="#">Reader applauds lawmakers for work on health</a>	<i>The Times</i>	Letter to the editor
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Indiana	<a href="#">A Global Pandemic Requires a Global Response</a>	<i>The Republic</i>	Letter to the editor
Iowa	<a href="#">Global Challenges Require a Global Response</a>	<i>Iowa City Press-Citizen</i>	Letter to the editor
Kansas	<a href="#">Vaccines could save millions</a>	<i>The Topeka Capital-Journal</i>	Letter to the editor
Kansas	<a href="#">Pandemic Partnerships</a>	<i>Johnson County Gazette</i>	Letter to the editor
Kansas	<a href="#">U.S. must lead global response</a>	<i>Garden City Telegram</i>	Letter to the editor
Kansas	<a href="#">U.S. must lead global response</a>	<i>The Hutchinson News</i>	Letter to the editor
Kansas	<a href="#">U.S. must lead global response</a>	<i>The Butler County Times-Gazette</i>	Letter to the editor
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Maryland	<a href="#">Cutting Foreign Aid Now Would Be a Bad Move</a>	<i>John Hopkins School of Public Health Global Health Now</i>	News article or feature

Maryland	<a href="#">U.S. should be helping developing countries deal with pandemic</a>	<i>Baltimore Sun</i>	Letter to the editor
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Missouri	<a href="#">REACH FURTHER</a>	<i>Kansas City Star</i>	Letter to the editor
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Montana	<a href="#">Ask Congress to fund global health programs</a>	<i>Missoulia</i>	Letter to the editor
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North Carolina	<a href="#">Developing Nations</a>	<i>The News &amp; Observer</i>	Letter to the editor
North Carolina	<a href="#">Solving global challenges</a>	<i>Asheville Citizen-Times</i>	Letter to the editor
New Mexico	WHO funding	<i>Albuquerque Journal</i>	Letter to the editor
Nevada	<a href="#">Virus is testing our health system</a>	<i>Las Vegas Sun</i>	Letter to the editor
Oregon	<a href="#">Train Song</a>	<i>Eugene Weekly</i>	Letter to the editor
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Pennsylvania	<a href="#">Fund programs to prevent viruses</a>	<i>Pittsburgh Post Gazette</i>	Letter to the editor

Pennsylvania	<a href="#">We must fight infectious disease globally</a>	<i>Tribune-Review</i>	Letter to the editor
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Pennsylvania	<a href="#">Unclear future for 2020 graduates</a>	<i>Pittsburgh Post-Gazette</i>	Letter to the editor
South Carolina	<a href="#">Why US cannot ignore global effects of coronavirus pandemic</a>	<i>Greenville News</i>	Letter to the editor
Tennessee	<a href="#">Senators should support vaccines</a>	<i>The Oak Ridger</i>	Letter to the editor
Texas	<a href="#">The U.S. must take the lead</a>	<i>Dallas Morning News</i>	Letter to the editor
Texas	<a href="#">Help low-income countries</a>	<i>Dallas Morning News</i>	Letter to the editor
Texas	<a href="#">Vaccine quest must be global</a>	<i>Dallas Morning News</i>	Letter to the editor
Utah	<a href="#">How to make your dreams come true</a>	<i>Salt Lake City Tribune</i>	Letter to the editor
Utah	<a href="#">Let's unite to fight disease and poverty</a>	<i>Deseret News</i>	Letter to the editor
Utah	<a href="#">A post-pandemic world should deliver a new future for capitalism</a>	<i>Deseret News</i>	Op-ed
Utah	<a href="#">Circling the wagons makes no sense in a global pandemic</a>	<i>Salt Lake Tribune</i>	Op-ed
Utah	<a href="#">There can't be economic recovery while the pandemic continues</a>	<i>Salt Lake Tribune</i>	Letter to the editor
Washington	<a href="#">Give a gift this year that will help others</a>	<i>Bainbridge Island Review</i>	Letter to the editor
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Washington	<a href="#">Global health</a>	<i>Daily News</i>	Letter to the editor
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Washington	<a href="#">Corona Virus: Global Problem</a>	<i>The Seattle Times</i>	Letter to the editor
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Washington	<a href="#">Pandemic: Congress must approve global aid</a>	<i>News Tribune</i>	Letter to the editor
Wisconsin	<a href="#">Teaching about sustainable development is a bright idea</a>	<i>The Cap Times</i>	Letter to the editor
Wisconsin	<a href="#">We can save lives by pushing for congressional action</a>	<i>Capital Times</i>	Letter to the editor
Wyoming	<a href="#">Bipartisanship still possible in U.S., can change the world</a>	<i>Wyoming Tribune Eagle</i>	Letter to the editor
Wyoming	<a href="#">We need to address virus pandemic both here, abroad</a>	<i>Wyoming Tribune Eagle</i>	Letter to the editor

## Bipartisan Cooperation

January 6, 2020

There is so much divisive behavior in our political world today that we are not recognizing when our Congress does work together. There has been bipartisan support for further funding for the Global Fund to fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria this year this Congress.

Each of our Alaska Republican members recognize that these diseases threaten Alaskans, especially TB, as it is an airborne pathogen. The \$4.6 billion replenishment for the next three years is projected to save 16 million lives and avert 234 million infections or cases and improve the lives of millions more. Since 2002, the Global Fund has helped save 32 million lives by combating these three preventable diseases.

Because the fund partners with the governments of the countries its employees serve in, it is able to reach marginalized and often overlooked communities. For the price of a cup of coffee, my tax share (U.S.) can be invested in saving another 16 million lives.

It would appear that more people are becoming involved with their communities, a movement, and volunteer organizations. For 40 years, through RESULTS, a citizen's advocacy group defeating poverty, we have seen that bipartisan cooperation and compromise is still a democratic means of being involved. Choose one, any one, and put some of your energy into a cause.

Mary Martin

<https://www.adn.com/opinions/letters/2020/01/07/letter-bipartisan-cooperation/>



## **Response to UN Declares Global Emergency of Virus**

January 31, 2020

The recent Corona Virus and the UN response show global health effects us all. The good news: three current initiatives are creating a healthier world population.

First is the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria, battling these three global pandemics and strengthening local health care systems in the process. The Global Fund recently received an increase in pledges from America and other donors to continue this life-saving work. Second is Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, working to make sure all children receive immunizations to prevent disease and early death. Gavi will be requesting new pledges from donors this June. Third are nutritional initiatives that help prevent unnecessary deaths of children and mothers.

All of these initiatives depend on funding and when we ask our representatives, a bi-partisan group in Congress has supported these smart steps to better global health, protecting us locally. So keep those writing and calling your representatives to insure this life-saving work continues!

Willie Dickerson

[https://tucson.com/opinion/letters/letter-response-to-un-agency-declares-global-emergency-over-virus/article\\_5085c36a-443f-11ea-8a04-9f8137a39cc5.html](https://tucson.com/opinion/letters/letter-response-to-un-agency-declares-global-emergency-over-virus/article_5085c36a-443f-11ea-8a04-9f8137a39cc5.html)





## **Re: the Feb. 14 article "Who cares about the federal budget? We all should."**

February 21, 2020

This is the perfect time to care about the federal budget, as the appropriations process is underway in Congress. Fortunately, a bipartisan group Congress considers all Americans' needs and America's global health work as important, not cutting these funds, but like in the case of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, actually increasing them. If you want protections from disease, it is important to treat them globally. Both the Global Fund and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance strengthen local health care systems that helps stop new diseases before they spread. So let your representatives know our global health work must continue to be funded.

Willie Dickerson

[https://tucson.com/opinion/letters/letter-re-the-feb-article-national-opinion-who-cares-about/article\\_8c58d384-53f6-11ea-9a15-0b490336d456.html?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=email&utm\\_campaign=user-share](https://tucson.com/opinion/letters/letter-re-the-feb-article-national-opinion-who-cares-about/article_8c58d384-53f6-11ea-9a15-0b490336d456.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share)



## **Everyone needs access to healthcare**

May 7, 2020

In this time of uncertainty, we're all trying to cope with the coronavirus pandemic. And the risks are only magnified for people around the world experiencing poverty, who have limited access to health services, or who live in a place where there are other ongoing global health emergencies, like tuberculosis or malnutrition.

As we work to combat COVID-19 at home, we also need a strong global response that honors the needs and human rights of people in poverty. International partnerships like the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, provide great examples of how to move forward, together.

Congress must prioritize global health systems, alongside the domestic response. We cannot leave those isolated by stigma, geography, or poverty on the sidelines of the COVID-19 response.

I hope that Rep. Salud Carbajal and Sens. Diane Feinstein and Kamala Harris will work together with their colleagues in Congress to ensure that people who are disenfranchised or pushed to the margins of society do not bear the brunt of this pandemic.

Dorothy Monza

[https://santamariatimes.com/opinion/letters/letters-to-the-editor-one-vote-does-make-a-difference-old-town-market-and-what/article\\_dc327079-5958-5aae-ba98-50e2eb6a5873.html](https://santamariatimes.com/opinion/letters/letters-to-the-editor-one-vote-does-make-a-difference-old-town-market-and-what/article_dc327079-5958-5aae-ba98-50e2eb6a5873.html)

# EAST BAY TIMES

## **Gains in global health are threatened by COVID-19**

May 8, 2020

I am gravely concerned that the COVID-19 relief bills will not provide enough funding to adequately maintain existing U.S.-supported international health programs.

The Phase 4 emergency response bill, for a global pandemic, is currently neglecting the rest of the globe. The virus is already hindering international health programs in which the U.S. has provided leadership for decades in the poorest countries.

Jack Guy of CNN reported that new research predicts the impact of this pandemic could result in an increase of 1.4 million more tuberculosis deaths and 6.3 million additional cases of TB by 2025.

GAVI, The Vaccine Alliance reported that at least 13.5 million have missed their vaccinations.

This year Sens. Kamala Harris and Dianne Feinstein have supported global health and education programs and organizations. I strongly urge the senators to request substantial global funding into the Phase 4 Coronavirus Emergency Response Bill.

Rick Narvaez

<https://www.eastbaytimes.com/2020/05/20/letter-gains-in-global-health-are-threatened-by-covid-19/>



## **Global problems must be fought globally**

May 24, 2020

It is crazy that the House of Representatives included no supplemental funding for global impacts of the coronavirus. I appreciate Congresswoman Stefanik's past support for the global fund to fight AIDS, TB and malaria and want her and all the representatives to know that, in dozens of countries, many kids are already missing out on lifesaving vaccines; it's getting harder to access treatment for diseases like tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS. Food insecurity and starvation are rising fast.

Global challenges aren't solved in isolation — they're solved in partnership. Whether it's COVID-19 or other ongoing global health emergencies, we need a strong response from Congress here and around the world.

I'm counting on our senators to make sure our country does its part in a global response to this global pandemic.

Susan Oehser

[https://poststar.com/opinion/letters/letter-to-the-editor-global-problems-must-be-fought-globally/article\\_54e182b5-5c09-5094-9e8f-6326f9f1cb93.html](https://poststar.com/opinion/letters/letter-to-the-editor-global-problems-must-be-fought-globally/article_54e182b5-5c09-5094-9e8f-6326f9f1cb93.html)



## **We the people**

January 30, 2020

Wim Laven does a very detailed job of explaining his point of view about steps necessary to "a more perfect union" (Re: "A more perfect union," Guest Column, Jan. 23, 2020). For me, the key is "We the People" doing our part to protect our democracy. That means voting and following up with our voices. Our calls, letters and visits to those who represent us have the most influence, more than paid lobbyists, according to a recent study by the Congressional Management Foundation. In my volunteer work with RESULTS, (results.org), I have learned to speak with my representative and senators and watched it make a difference. A good example is the recent 16% increase for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, after the administration had called for a 29% cut to this international initiative that has save millions of lives and prevented millions more infections. So why not speak up, empowered as one of "We the People" and help guide those who represent you to do the right thing, strengthening our democracy.

Willie Dickerson/via internet

<https://www.boulderweekly.com/opinion/letters/letters-1-30-2020/>

# THE HOUR

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January 15, 2020

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<https://www.thehour.com/opinion/article/Letter-Make-a-difference-in-2020-14977167.php>

# THE REGISTER CITIZEN

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## **Finding purposeful social connections amid coronavirus to help reclaim our democracy**

March 25, 2020

In a matter of weeks “social distancing” became a phrase on everyone’s lips and part of all of our lives — for the sake of our own health and lives and that of our communities and world. However, most recently, some have begun changing the terminology to call for “physical distancing” while maintaining “social connection.”

Even — especially — in these challenging times of physical distancing, we can make the world a better place by engaging with organizations that recognize and support the importance of action and social connection. Let me introduce you to some people who are finding truly important ways to use their time to bring hope and healing to us all.

In my work with Civic Courage, I coach staff from nonprofit organizations to transform their members into effective citizen leaders. This has allowed me to see inspiring breakthroughs in the most unexpected places: citizens reclaiming their democracy.

Last year, volunteers from the anti-poverty lobby RESULTS led the charge to prevent the 29 percent cut in 2020 funding for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria that President Trump called for. Yes, volunteers, people like you and me, led in getting hundreds of members of Congress, Republicans and Democrats, to sign letters to top appropriators and to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo that resulted in not only preventing the 29 percent cut, but even better, in achieving a 16 percent increase. The Global Fund has helped save 32 million lives since 2002 and strengthens health systems where they are weakest or non-existent.

One volunteer, whose Republican member of Congress had lost his seat in 2018, texted him asking if he would urge his colleagues still in Congress to support the Global Fund. Several of his Republican colleagues came on board. The volunteer had the former Congressman’s cell number not because of large donations to his campaign, she made none, but because of the large difference they had made together when he was in Congress.

This year, more members of Congress than ever have signed similar letters following the President’s call for a 58 percent cut to the Global Fund in 2021. Bill Gates, who warned of

the current pandemic in a TED talk five years ago, said, "The Global Fund is one of the best and kindest things people have ever done for one another."

Here's another example of sharing kindness globally. Catholic Relief Services chapters are advocating for the Global Child Thrive Act which promotes early childhood development techniques to children in refugee camps and poor villages around the world, encouraging parents to read to their children, sing to them, and provide better nutrition. After an in-person new group training in early March, the staff member wrote, "It was fantastic, a wonderful night. I came home and couldn't fall asleep for two hours I was so excited." Two weeks later the next session of the training moved online; undeterred, they prepared for their first-ever meetings with two Congressional offices which would also be virtual.

A few weeks earlier, a new chapter member followed Congressional staff out of a presidential caucus in Minnesota to ask for her Congresswoman's support of the Global Child Thrive Act. After an email exchange, the Congressional aide called the chapter member, who happened to be driving on the highway with her two little kids.

"I could not pull off," she recalled, "but was also definitely not going to let it go to voicemail, so I asked both boys if they could just listen to me have the conversation on speakerphone and they miraculously did.

"The staffer told me that he had been in touch with the staff in Washington and they believed this was a bill the Congresswoman would most likely support....We agreed I could follow up in a week. I got off the phone and tried to explain to my 6-year-old why I felt so excited and how important it is to talk to people in the government to work together to make the world a better place."

Now that you have the time, why not join in these kinds of efforts right now by connecting with groups like Citizens Climate Lobby, American Promise, FCNL, RESULTS, and Catholic Relief Services?

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<https://www.sun-sentinel.com/opinion/commentary/fl-op-com-harris-20200325-2k7hwylen5a4dldugfe23xth64-story.html>



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## **Fighting COVID-19 must be done on a global scale**

May 20, 2020

The HEROES Act, the most recent COVID-19 response, passed the House Friday. It has some crucial wins and some gaping holes. It provides \$100 billion in rental assistance, a moratorium on evictions and an increase in SNAP benefits.

However, it has almost no support for low-income countries to address COVID-19 and its fallout. In dozens of countries, kids are already missing out on life-saving vaccines, it's harder to access treatment for tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS, and food insecurity and starvation are rising.

We must practice solidarity with the vulnerable in this emergency, both here and globally.

Global challenges like COVID-19 aren't solved in isolation: they're solved in partnership. Whether it's COVID-19 or other ongoing emergencies, we need a strong response from Congress, both here and worldwide. I'm counting on Senators Perdue and Loeffler to make sure our country does its part in a global response to this global pandemic.

Misty Novitch

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# Idaho Statesman

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April 8, 2020

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# Idaho Statesman

## Coordinated Opening

May 22, 2020

As states reopen, they must consider the impact of border states. Without mutual support and coordination, we could see an unmanageable surge in disease, making our weeks of shutdown pointless. As a nation, we must do the same worldwide, to fight COVID19 and to protect our investment in the health care of developing nations.

In the latest bill in Washington, the House ignored that this is a global pandemic requiring a global response. It now falls to the Senate to ensure our country does its part in this shared global fight. Such enlightened self-interest keeps us all safer.

The Senate should insist on including support for lower-income countries to deal with the immediate crisis and to strengthen healthcare systems in the long run. It's the right thing to do, and the only way we get through this pandemic as a global community.

Our government already supports international organizations like the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria as well as USAID's programs focused on global health. We should build on these efforts to avoid setbacks in our progress, and I'm counting on Idaho's Sens. Risch and Crapo, both in key leadership roles, to help make it happen.

Betsy Dunklin

<https://www.idahostatesman.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article242928396.html>



## **Voice of the reader: Support**

February 8, 2020

To the Editor:

The column by Walt and Alex Breitinger, "As virus spreads, markets become more affected" (Feb. 2), notes that the World Health Organization has declared the coronavirus a global health emergency.

The spread of this virus teaches two important lessons. First, diseases know no borders. In an interconnected world, illnesses can quickly spread from one part of the globe to another. Second, the best defense against disease outbreaks is investing in health care infrastructure in all parts of the world.

These lessons point to the need for the U.S. government to maintain its funding of programs designed to support global health systems. One such program is GAVI, the vaccine alliance. Since its creation in 2000, GAVI has vaccinated 760 children against potentially fatal infectious diseases, and has built up immunization capacity in recipient nations.

If funding continues, it will immunize 300 million children in the next five years, thereby saving up to 8 million lives in less developed countries. Global public health advocates are urging Congress to provide \$290 million in funding for GAVI in FY2021.

We should urge our members of Congress to support this appropriation.

Greg Campbell

[https://thesouthern.com/opinion/letters/voice-of-the-reader-support/article\\_110215f6-9047-5062-bee0-108410f95d2b.html](https://thesouthern.com/opinion/letters/voice-of-the-reader-support/article_110215f6-9047-5062-bee0-108410f95d2b.html)



## **Reader applauds lawmakers for work on health**

January 4, 2020

Dear Editor,

It's a new year, a time for optimism and a sense of what's possible. It's also flu season - a time when we appreciate good health as well as health investments made on our behalf.

This is why I'm celebrating how Republicans and Democrats have been working together to help save 16 million lives over the next three years.

On Oct. 9 last year, a bipartisan group from Congress addressed world leaders, telling them the U.S. isn't backing down in the fight against AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria. They committed \$4.68 billion from the US to the Global Fund to fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria over the next three years - a third of the \$14 billion needed to save 16 million lives and put us back on track to ending these epidemics by 2030. The next day, world leaders committed the rest of the money to make that goal a reality.

But if that wasn't enough good news, as of the beginning of December, both the House and the Senate had passed resolutions in support of the Global Fund. Reps. Susan Brooks and Andre Carson, as well as Sen. Todd Young, were co-sponsors of these resolutions, showing real Hoosier values put in place.

Positive things are happening in the world, a wonderful thing in this season of new beginnings.

Lisa Marchal

<https://thetimes24-7.com/Content/Opinion-Page/Letters-to-the-Editor/Article/Reader-applauds-lawmakers-for-work-on-health/12/40/64094>



## **Immunization remains key global defense**

February 2, 2020

The recent emergence of the novel coronavirus demonstrates the dangers that are continually posed on a global scale by contagious diseases. Fortunately, more common contagious diseases around the world, such as measles and influenza, are better contained. One reason for this is that vaccination against these diseases has proven effective, not merely nationally but also globally.

One of the leading tools for enabling worldwide vaccination is the Global Alliance for Vaccination and Immunization (GAVI), a public-private partnership that supports vaccination programs and improvement in primary health care in the developing world. It also encourages developing countries to invest their own resources, which has led to 15 countries becoming fully self-supporting. The U.K. Department of International Development reports that more than 700 million lives have been saved since 2000.

Yet more work needs to be done. Nearly 10% of children worldwide do not receive any vaccinations, and some others do not receive the full course.

As long as communicable diseases remain a global threat to public health, immunization remains a key global defense. The United States along with other worldwide donors must commit strong pledges for GAVI at the next replenishment conference in June 2020.

Oscar Lanzi

[https://www.nwitimes.com/opinion/letters/letter-to-the-editor-immunization-remains-key-global-defense/article\\_eb2558b8-2141-52e8-b286-698139241bf7.html](https://www.nwitimes.com/opinion/letters/letter-to-the-editor-immunization-remains-key-global-defense/article_eb2558b8-2141-52e8-b286-698139241bf7.html)



## **A global pandemic requires a global response**

June 7, 2020

There is a lot of help in the latest coronavirus bills passed by Congress for which I am most grateful. However, the bills have a gaping hole as they leave out the entire rest of the world with no emergency funding beyond the United States.

I have made frequent visits to a Pediatric AIDS program in Zambia, and I know the circumstance there firsthand. The challenges of another virus especially affects women and children. The problems of HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria only serve to increase vulnerability along with poverty, food insufficiency, and crowding. One has to wonder how the next \$3 trillion bill could forget the rest of the globe. At least 13.5 million children are missing out on lifesaving vaccine.

The number of people facing hunger certainly could double to 265 million by the year's end; maternal /child deaths will increase as will malaria and AIDS deaths. This will nullify the recent progress we have made globally.

Please make sure that your senators get the message loud and clear. The new bill should reflect an international response in slowing COVID-19. Global challenges are not solved in isolation — they should be solved in partnership with others.

Ann Jones

[http://www.therepublic.com/2020/06/07/letter\\_a\\_global\\_pandemic\\_requires\\_a\\_global\\_response/](http://www.therepublic.com/2020/06/07/letter_a_global_pandemic_requires_a_global_response/)

## **Global challenges require a global response**

June 1, 2020

The new bill in the House of Representatives fails to include any international funding to fight coronavirus and its fallout. It's clear that a global pandemic requires a global response, so it now falls to the Senate to make sure that happens.

The U.S. can and must play a role in slowing COVID-19's spread globally, and protecting access to other health services and education. We should lean on effective international organizations with proven impact like Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria to aid with the response.

As Congress considers emergency COVID-19 funding, they should include support for lower-income countries to deal with the immediate crisis and to strengthen health care systems in the long run. It's the right thing to do, and the only way we get through this pandemic as a global community.

Sens. (Chuck) Grassley and (Joni) Ernst should write and speak to the Senate leadership to ensure that the COVID-19 emergency response includes support for global health and education in low-income partner nations.

Rachel Pierce

<https://www.press-citizen.com/story/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/2020/06/01/global-challenges-require-global-response/5306798002/>

## **Vaccines could save millions**

February 17, 2020

In regard to the recent coronavirus outbreak, fear hit our own community after a suspected case at a local Kansas hospital. With no vaccine currently to treat this disease, the death toll has surpassed 1,000 people worldwide, yet, nearly 15,000 children are dying each day of vaccine-preventable diseases.

To prevent epidemics similar to the coronavirus, an unprecedented political commitment was made 30 years ago to provide children with access to life-saving vaccinations. The United States' funding of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, has allowed the world to cut child deaths in half, from 12.6 million in 1990 to 5.3 million in 2018. There is still an enormous gap in funding with more than 15 million children annually in low-income countries being deprived of the most basic life-saving vaccines.

Congress has always committed to fund Gavi with \$290 million from the FY18 to FY20 and with this constant ongoing support for FY21, we can help Gavi immunize an additional 300 million children and save at least 7-8 million lives in the poorest countries. This is why I urge Sens. Roberts and Moran to show leadership by requesting SFOPS to commit to \$290 million for Gavi in their FY21 budget request.

Melissa Bryan

<https://www.cjonline.com/opinion/20200217/letter-to-editor-vaccines-could-save-millions>



## **Pandemic Partnerships**

June 5, 2020

The new COVID-19 bill in Washington failed to include any real international response to COVID-19. This is a huge problem because this pandemic is affecting everyone worldwide.

In dozens of countries, many kids are already missing out on lifesaving vaccines, its getting harder to access treatment for diseases like tuberculosis and malaria, and food insecurity and starvation are rising fast. The U.S. has supported funding for international relief before, and that shouldn't stop now. Increased funding for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria is a need.

Global challenges are solved with partnerships. Whether it's a pandemic or other ongoing global health crises, we need a strong response from Congress and other leaders around the world. I'm counting on Senators Roberts and Moran to make sure our country does its part in a global response to this global pandemic.

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June 7, 2020

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We have to remember that during this pandemic, all other issues can't be forgotten. We need to strengthen our actions to improve global health and remember that COVID-19 is affecting everyone worldwide. We can't dismiss the international urgency that is needed.

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## **We must stand with those on the margins**

April 20, 2020

To the editor:

As we respond to the tragedy of this pandemic, we know it's also threatening communities facing poverty all around the world. Just as we have seen it racing through our long-term care facilities, it will race through resource poor communities, and especially, refugee camps.

As Congress prepares for the next stage of its coronavirus response, they should include support for lower-income countries to deal with the immediate crisis and to strengthen their health care systems in the long run.

Our government already supports international organizations that do this well, including the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria as well as Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, in addition to U.S. programs focused on global health. We should build on these efforts.

U.S. Rep. Richard Neal, D-Springfield, and U.S. Sens. Warren and Markey, D-Mass., must ensure that, in addition to our domestic response, Phase 4 of the U.S. COVID-19 response includes support for programs on the front lines in low-income nations. Organizations like the Global Fund and Gavi have leaped into action, but will need additional support.

If this crisis has taught us anything, it's that we live in a connected world and that what happens "over there" in other nations is our concern. Let's support our neighbors everywhere. This is a global pandemic, and it requires a global response.

Leslye Heilig,

<https://www.berkshireeagle.com/stories/letter-we-must-stand-with-those-on-the-margins,602848>



## **Pandemic response requires global approach**

April 23, 2020

To the editor:

Nearly 400 years ago, John Donne wrote "no man is an island."

Sunday night, the One World concert echoed that message, repeatedly instancing how interconnected we are with everyone around our country and throughout the world. The program also highlighted the greater vulnerability of those living in poverty, especially in low-income countries, where access to essential health services is severely compromised. This population is also at greater risk in the current COVID-19 pandemic because of their inadequate health care systems.

I urge U.S. Rep. Richard Neal, D-Springfield, and U.S. Sens. Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey, D-Mass., to ensure that Phase 4 of the U.S. COVID-19 response includes support for critical programs in low-income nations as well as at home. We need to increase our support for international organizations, including the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria as well as Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, in addition to U.S. programs focused on global health.

Strengthening health care systems in poverty-stricken countries is good for them and for us. We live in a global world. We cannot afford to make access to health care a zero-sum game.

Mary Rogers

<https://www.berkshireeagle.com/stories/letter-pandemic-response-requires-global-approach,603080>



## **Global solution for global pandemic**

May 15, 2020

To the editor:

The coronavirus pandemic has clearly demonstrated that we are one world and we will only get beyond this pandemic if we function as one world together. As noted by UNICEF this week, without access to routine health care, such as medications for TB and HIV, routine vaccinations and Vitamin A supplementation, the numbers of child and maternal deaths will soar. Since the House left the international response completely out of its bill, it now falls to the Senate to make sure our country has a global response to this global pandemic

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Leslye Heilig

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## **Help women, children survive world pandemic**

May 15, 2020

To the editor:

It was wonderful to see the numbers of hospitalizations for COVID-19 going down at Berkshire Medical Center and at Fairview Hospital this past week. However, as leader of the Great Barrington chapter of Dining for Women, a national organization which supports women and girls living in extreme poverty around the world, I can't help but question how these women and their children will survive the pandemic. We know the risks are magnified for people experiencing poverty and who have limited access to necessary health services.

Without our help women living on the margins will be pushed further into poverty and many more will die. Food insecurity and reduced vaccination rates will severely affect their children's health and growth. Educational opportunities for them may be lost forever.

The House of Representatives has neglected to include any additional funding for global assistance programs, so our Senators Warren and Markey need to take action and insist that the Senate bill includes funding for international pandemic aid.

Linda Baxter

<https://www.berkshireeagle.com/stories/letter-help-women-children-survive-world-pandemic,604794?>





## **Global Health is a Global Responsibility – Calling for Greating Solidarity**

April 13, 2020

It is stomach-churning to watch influential political figures, including the President of the United States, play into racism and xenophobia as they shirk their responsibility to address global health. The coronavirus outbreak is not one country's fault, but it is everyone's responsibility. World leaders need to act like it.

I applaud the science communicators, health professionals, and politicians who already recognize this. What's especially interesting about this frustrating time is that until the COVID-19 outbreak, Congress was making significant progress and building momentum for global health action. In 2019, two bipartisan resolutions built support for a bold, multi-year pledge to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria (Smith, 2019). By providing one-third of the Global Fund's resources, the United States was on track to make possible an additional 16 million lives saved by 2023 ("Step up the Fight," n.d.). When health-focused foreign aid makes up less than one percent of the United States budget, it's quite amazing what a difference that fraction of a percent can make in lives saved (McBride, 2018).

So, what happened? As is often the case, when crisis strikes, leaders elected to represent American interests turn inwards and focus only on domestic policy. As conversations over a "Phase Four" stimulus plan for America begin, it is time to resume global health work that can't afford to wait any longer.

Prior to COVID-19, many Americans viewed pandemics as a thing of the past. Now, instead we need to convince panicked authority figures that COVID-19 is the very reason to invest in the international community, not an excuse for nations to close themselves off in regards to global health issues.

As you are reading this article, you're most likely already aware that the global health community is in damage-control mode (Pai, 2020). Over the past twenty years, partnerships like the Global Fund and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, have made significant yet fragile gains in reducing mortality from the biggest infectious disease killers in the world. COVID-19 is a

threat to this life-saving work because it infects patients already at risk from other illnesses, and because it also drains funds and political will away from those efforts.

We're still losing 4,000 people every day to Tuberculosis ("Millions More," 2019), and disruption to the global supply chain of essential drugs only worsens a situation that was already "off track," as described by the World Health Organization (Brooks, 2018).

Tuberculosis (TB) is just one of dozens of diseases like this! The biggest infectious killers won't wait for COVID-19 to slow down (Pai, 2020).

Don't let their names fool you. Gavi and the Global Fund don't just focus on vaccine-preventable diseases like measles or AIDS, TB, and Malaria - they are a critical piece of the coronavirus puzzle. Both organizations strengthen health infrastructure in developing countries to cope with any pandemic, including COVID-19. The Global Fund announced on March 20 that financial assistance to eleven countries is being used to respond to COVID-19, thanks to new, flexible guidelines ("Global Fund," 2020). Additionally, while a COVID-19 vaccine is at least 18 months away, Gavi is already preparing to distribute such a vaccine and meet demand for the most vulnerable areas ("Gavi Board," 2020).

As a community of students and professionals in global health, we have the power and responsibility to educate our communities and our elected officials. Advocacy actions like phone calls and letters to members of Congress are a great way to capture policy-makers' attention, reminding them of the value of coordinated global health efforts.

Going forward, Congress needs to work with global health experts and advocates, making bipartisan strides not only for COVID-19, but other epidemics as well. Gavi's replenishment conference on June 3 will be a great test if political momentum behind vaccines stands the test ("Global Vaccine Summit," 2020). Only with a big-picture worldview, translated into compassionate, concrete action, can we save lives and get out of this mess into a more resilient future for all.

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<https://glohea.org/global-health-student-articles/2020/4/12/yara-changyit-levin>

## Cutting Foreign Aid Now Would Be a Bad Move

April 14, 2020

As high school students in St. Louis, Missouri, we reaped the benefits of global health security every time we sat in classrooms with our friends.

Now that sense of safety has evaporated, and students everywhere are living the consequences of inadequate health policies. Yet some politicians still refuse to see the value in foreign aid to build global health security.

For several years, we've worked with members of the US Congress to boost support to low- and middle-income countries, for better nutrition, tuberculosis treatments, epidemics response, and vaccines. Yet, with the COVID-19 pandemic, there has never been a moment quite like this in our lifetimes. How do we push ahead with global health efforts, in the face of a pandemic exploding in our own country?

Even before COVID-19, investing in LMICs was a hard sell. In meetings with lawmakers, we've received our share of disbelief: "Wait, tuberculosis is still around?" "But this isn't in our district, right?" At the same time, some [great allies](#) on the House and Senate floors helped ensure that the US contribution to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria received a [16% boost](#) last year instead of President Trump's proposed 29% cut.

Now, with the pandemic all over the news, we don't need to convince donors and policymakers that threats still exist. The new challenge is convincing panicked authority figures tempted to cut foreign aid why that would be a bad move.

The pandemic is already being used as an excuse for [open racism](#) and to close borders, ban immigration, and kill foreign aid. Amid the pandemic's economic upheaval, politicians argue that we cannot afford to "drain" our money out to foreign nations. But COVID-19 is not an excuse to close ourselves off. The pandemic makes it clear that no corner of the world is safe if infectious diseases are uncontrolled in any part of the world, and there is simply no way to isolate any country or region. We are all in this together, as global citizens.

Furthermore, tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, malaria, and vaccine-preventable diseases like measles [don't take a vacation while COVID-19 is here](#). We're still [losing 4,000 people every day to TB](#), and the global health community is in damage-control mode as resources and political focus is redirected towards coronavirus.

Previously, the US government recognized the power of foreign aid, and invested in averting health catastrophes. The international community rallied at the Global Fund 2019 pledging conference, putting the world on track to [save 16 million lives by 2023](#).

We've seen the benefits of global health mitigation and prevention efforts, such as The Global Fund's efforts to [save over 32 million lives](#) since 2002, and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance's work [vaccinating almost half the world's children](#) against deadly infectious diseases. Their work is even more important in light of coronavirus, as they protect compromised patients already affected by illnesses like malaria or measles. This is no time to withhold support for the most effective worldwide interventions.

It's an understandable instinct to prioritize people within our own borders, especially since COVID-19 is pushing countries into an economic recession. We cannot adequately respond to this pandemic, however, unless we also invest in global health. Gavi's replenishment conference is [scheduled for June 3](#), and we urge every country to make a bold, multi-year pledge for the vaccine alliance. As [Yuval Noah Harari says](#), the COVID-19 pandemic will end, but it will leave us with a choice: between nationalist isolation and global solidarity.

We genuinely hope humanity will lean towards the latter.

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<https://www.globalhealthnow.org/2020-04/cutting-foreign-aid-now-would-be-bad-move>



## **U.S. should be helping developing countries deal with pandemic**

April 16, 2020

In this time of uncertainty, people globally are coping with the harsh impact of the coronavirus pandemic. The health risks are magnified for individuals around the world experiencing poverty or who have limited access to health services. COVID-19 is testing the capacity of the U.S. health care system and it poses a greater threat to communities with fragile health care systems around the world ("[Coronavirus deaths surge past 100,000 worldwide as some countries weigh reopening businesses](#)," April 10).

As Congress prepares for the next stage of its coronavirus response, members should include support for lower-income countries to handle the immediate crisis and to strengthen their health care systems long term. The U.S. government currently supports international organizations that do this well including the Global Fund and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. The President's Emergency Plan For AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and other U.S.-based programs have engaged in capacity building where it's needed most.

Thankfully, Sens. Chris Van Hollen and Ben Cardin, and Rep. C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger have given their support to global health policies over the course of several years. Amid COVID-19, we must continue to build on progress made in saving the lives of millions. This is a global pandemic and it requires a global response.

Pamela Parham

<https://www.baltimoresun.com/opinion/readers-respond/bs-ed-rr-coronavirus-us-global-assistance-letter-20200416-myw5tiusmzfslj42eygrg2g5a4-story.html>

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## Global challenges take a global response

May 18, 2020

The new coronavirus bill in Washington seems to ignore that this is a global pandemic requiring a global response. It now falls to the Senate to make sure our country does its part in this shared global fight.

Congress should include support for lower-income countries to deal with the immediate crisis and to strengthen healthcare systems in the long run. It's the right thing to do, and the only way we get through this pandemic as a global community.

Our government already supports international organizations like the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, as well as USAID's programs focused on global health. We should build on these efforts, and I'm counting on our Senators to help make it happen.

Peggy York

<https://www.pressherald.com/2020/05/18/letter-global-challenges-take-a-global-response/>

## **Trump's budget proposal is cruel and shortsighted**

February 16, 2020

Regarding the editorial "Trump's budget proposal would take from the poor to prop up the rich — again" (Feb. 12): Not only does President Donald Trump's proposed budget unfairly cut domestic safety net programs such as Medicare, Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, it makes large reductions in foreign assistance programs, which presently account for a small percentage of the total federal budget. These cuts, if implemented, would endanger the lives and health of vulnerable populations throughout the world.

One program on the budgetary chopping block is the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, a public-private partnership that has achieved substantial success, with bipartisan support, in combating these three diseases. It could do even more if properly funded.

Rather than accept these cuts, we should call on our members of Congress to continue U.S. support for programs that promote maternal/child health and immunizations against deadly diseases. Thousands of children still die each day mostly from preventable or treatable causes like diarrhea or pneumonia. Continue programs that provide nutritional assistance because one out of every four children globally is stunted due to malnutrition. Continue programs that keep kids in school because a staggering 387 million children worldwide lack basic literacy skills.

Greg Campbell

[https://www.stltoday.com/opinion/mailbag/letter-trump-s-budget-proposal-is-cruel-and-shortsighted/article\\_0be10554-cfc9-5232-9fa3-0c98a1d19b3b.html?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=email&utm\\_campaign=user-share](https://www.stltoday.com/opinion/mailbag/letter-trump-s-budget-proposal-is-cruel-and-shortsighted/article_0be10554-cfc9-5232-9fa3-0c98a1d19b3b.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share)



## **Immunization budget needs help in Congress**

February 17, 2020

"Cruise stranded by virus fears ends with roses in Cambodia" (Feb. 14, [joplinglobe.com](http://joplinglobe.com)) illustrated how wealthy tourists were not immune to fears about the COVID-19 virus. Without a vaccine, the uncertainty surrounding this threat helps us empathize with the worry of people in poverty when they have no access to immunizations for common killers like measles. Annually, 1.5 million children still die from vaccine-preventable deaths.

Fortunately, global immunizations may be a part of the federal budget everyone can agree upon. Despite President Donald Trump calling for deep funding cuts for global poverty programs in his 2021 budget, he made an exception for Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance by asking for \$290 million as part of a four-year \$1.16 billion pledge. This could provide vaccines for 300 million more children and save up to 8 million lives. His request, however, is only a suggestion. The real funding power lies with Congress.

U.S. Rep. Billy Long, R-Mo., can help by signing a "Dear Colleague" letter to House leadership supporting \$900 million for maternal/child health, including the \$290 million for Gavi. U.S. Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., should work in committee to fulfill the commitment to Gavi and reject cuts to other lifesaving programs like the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria.

Cynthia Changyit Levin

[https://www.joplinglobe.com/opinion/letters\\_to\\_the\\_editor/your-view-letters-discuss-trump-vaccines/article\\_e770acb1-d1f6-59a2-a3d9-fe016067666a.html](https://www.joplinglobe.com/opinion/letters_to_the_editor/your-view-letters-discuss-trump-vaccines/article_e770acb1-d1f6-59a2-a3d9-fe016067666a.html)





## **America should act now to end global disease**

April 1, 2020

The entire world, including me, thought America was so special. Globally, people associated us with privilege, wealth and opportunity. Why wouldn't they? We were the leaders in business, the innovators in research. And when something terrible happened, we seemed to be the exception.

So, the prospect of a pandemic striking us seemed absurd enough to be out of a science fiction book, because that simply wasn't who we were. Sadly, the coronavirus did not see the America that I did. The virus first came to America around January and infected about 42,000 Americans by March 22.

Now, the streets are empty, the hospitals crowded and overwhelmed, and my school has been indefinitely shut. On the news, they talk about the effects on our economy, the people that have been displaced and the jobs that are lost.

I never thought I would describe America like that. However, as we deal with the economic crisis at home, I worry that world health efforts will be neglected. In this dire time, many argue that it is logical not to drain out our money helping other nations. But will our money "drain out" if less than 1% of our total budget ever did go to world health efforts?

Over the years, the United States' funding has been successful in treating HIV/AIDS, distributing vaccines and funding maternal and child health. Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, has vaccinated about 760 million people in developing countries, saving an estimated 13 million lives.

Due to the U.S. Agency for International Development, developing countries are more equipped to tackle HIV/AIDS. Overall, life expectancy has increased more in the last 50 years than it did in the past 5,000 years, due in no small part to our leadership.

Our 1%. If we cut funding for global health, its ripple will be felt across the world in more ways than one. Since America has distinguished itself as a leader in world health efforts, it will set an indelible example for other countries.

More nations will cut their funding, and the weight of this mistake will be carried by the next generation of malnourished mothers, unvaccinated children and underfunded health care systems.

Many have argued that global health is not our problem to solve and we must focus on our country. They often use the words “America first.” I think this term is misleading — we are not in a track race where America can be “first” regardless of the condition of other nations.

Rather, we depend on each other’s well-being to ensure our own. Of course, I support our actions in prioritizing relief bills concerning housing and health care for our own citizens. However, the day that America will be truly free of disease is when nowhere in the globe will anyone die of coronavirus, children will be vaccinated and preventable diseases will be eradicated.

That is the world we must build for our “greatness” to be possible. This is why I urge all of our representatives to support House Resolution 861 (Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance) and Senate Resolution 511 to strengthen health care and provide vaccinations for infants in developing countries.

If we have the infrastructure built, when there finally will be a vaccine for the coronavirus, it will be easily distributed among all nations.

Let’s win the race for global health care together.

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[https://www.columbiamissourian.com/opinion/guest\\_commentaries/guest-commentary-america-should-act-now-to-end-global-disease/article\\_56b232be-72b1-11ea-af52-770dccf7fd68.html](https://www.columbiamissourian.com/opinion/guest_commentaries/guest-commentary-america-should-act-now-to-end-global-disease/article_56b232be-72b1-11ea-af52-770dccf7fd68.html)

## Now is time for our legislators to support vaccination programs

April 9, 2020

Ms. Katyal is spot on in her piece [“America should act now to end global disease.”](#) printed April 1. I, too, am worried about the possibility of the United States and other nations reducing their foreign aid support to global health programs this year in favor of looking inward only to their own needs.

It’s the coordinated efforts of international partnerships like Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, that make it possible to distribute vaccines worldwide at affordable prices. Reducing support at this point would hobble one of our most effective mechanisms to fight COVID-19 and more transmittable diseases.

To distribute future COVID-19 vaccines and avoid the resurgence of other child-killing diseases, we should remain a strong leader and provide \$290 million to Gavi. We should also fully fund the CDC with \$50 million for measles elimination activities and \$176 million for polio eradication programs.

I urge Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler and our senators, Roy Blunt and Josh Hawley, to do all in their power to strengthen our global health activities.

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[https://www.columbiamissourian.com/opinion/letters\\_to\\_the\\_editor/letter-to-the-editor-now-is-time-for-our-legislators-to-support-vaccination-programs/article\\_12f3872a-79b0-11ea-8a9f-af87f22ec97b.html](https://www.columbiamissourian.com/opinion/letters_to_the_editor/letter-to-the-editor-now-is-time-for-our-legislators-to-support-vaccination-programs/article_12f3872a-79b0-11ea-8a9f-af87f22ec97b.html)

## Showing love and kindness

April 30, 2020

I appreciated the spirit of the article “Families will grow real memories from virtual, Zoom seders” (April 1 edition). It illustrated the way people in our community are making the best of a difficult situation.

While we are all isolated at home, we are still able to show love and kindness in many ways. We can provide grocery money for people who have lost jobs, make face masks, or call friends who are lonely. We can also take the hopeful action of reaching out to our elected officials from home to make sure we can distribute a coronavirus vaccine once we have one.

Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, is an international organization that helps vaccinate almost half of the world’s children against deadly diseases. They work with vaccine producers and distributors as well as NGO’s, governments, and the private sector to ensure a coordinated distribution worldwide.

To distribute future COVID-19 vaccines and avoid the resurgence of other child-killing diseases, I urge our senators, Roy Blunt and Josh Hawley, to support Gavi by signing Senate Resolution 511. Representatives Lacy Clay and Ann Wagner can do the same by signing onto House Resolution 861.

*Cynthia Changyit Levin*

[https://www.stljewishlight.com/opinion/letters\\_to\\_editor/letter-to-the-editor-showing-love-and-kindness/article\\_e8910f94-8af7-11ea-8927-2fde67f594c5.html](https://www.stljewishlight.com/opinion/letters_to_editor/letter-to-the-editor-showing-love-and-kindness/article_e8910f94-8af7-11ea-8927-2fde67f594c5.html)



## **In Support Of An International Relief Package**

May 19, 2020

While many of us are naturally focused on how coronavirus is affecting our local community as businesses reopen ("Some St. Louis Businesses Reopening," May 18), we shouldn't forget about the global effects of this pandemic.

The House of Representatives seems to be ignoring that this is a global pandemic requiring a global response. The recent coronavirus relief bill from the House included no international aid. It's up to the Senate now to ensure our country joins the worldwide fight.

Congress should include support for lower-income countries to deal with the immediate crisis and strengthen long-term healthcare systems. Representatives Clay and Wagner both recently agreed as they both signed a letter supporting \$1 billion in additional funding for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria to fight coronavirus. Their opinions were not reflected in the relief bill.

Our country already supports international organizations like the Global Fund and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, as well USAID's global health programs. We'll need their reliable, far-reaching systems to save lives and distribute an eventual vaccine. We should build on these efforts with an emergency international relief package of at least \$12 billion. I urge Senators Blunt and Hawley to help make it happen.

Cynthia Changyit Levin

[https://www.timesnewspapers.com/webster-kirkwoodtimes/in-support-of-an-international-relief-package/article\\_9592517e-99f5-11ea-81ca-a77f76df04fb.html?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=email&utm\\_campaign=user-share](https://www.timesnewspapers.com/webster-kirkwoodtimes/in-support-of-an-international-relief-package/article_9592517e-99f5-11ea-81ca-a77f76df04fb.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share)

## Reach further

May 20, 2020

Although we see hopeful progress in developing a vaccine, COVID-19 will hurt communities around the world for many months. Sadly, the recent coronavirus relief bill from the House of Representatives included no international aid, as U.S. Global Leadership Coalition president and CEO Liz Schrayner points out.

The Senate must now make sure our country joins the worldwide fight. A global pandemic requires a global response. The next relief bill should include support for lower-income countries to deal with the immediate crisis and should strengthen health care systems.

The U.S. already supports international organizations such as the Global Fund and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, as well as the United States Agency for International Development's global health programs. We'll need their reliable, far-reaching systems to save lives and distribute an eventual vaccine. We should build on these efforts with an emergency international relief package of at least \$12 billion.

I urge Sens. Roy Blunt and Josh Hawley to help make it happen.

Cynthia Changyit Levin

<https://www.kansascity.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article242813216.html>



## **U.S. should join global fight against pandemic**

May 21, 2020

Missouri legislators may be done ("[Shortened by COVID-19, legislative session leaves key issues unresolved](#)," May 15) for the year, but our federal Congress still has plenty to do, especially since the recent coronavirus relief bill from the House of Representatives included no international aid. This is a global pandemic requiring a global response. It's up to the Senate now to ensure our country joins the shared global fight.

Congress should include support for lower-income countries to deal with the immediate crisis and strengthen long-term health care systems. Our country already supports international organizations like the Global Fund and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, as well USAID's global health programs. We'll need their reliable, far-reaching systems to save lives and distribute an eventual vaccine.

We should build on these efforts with an emergency international relief package of at least \$12 billion. I urge Senators Blunt and Hawley to help make it happen.

Cynthia Changyit Levin

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## **Global response is needed to fight COVID-19**

June 4, 2020

In the weeks following Marty Rochester's commentary, "Foreign policy seems foreign to 2020 presidential campaign" (May 7, 2020), the worrying truth behind his observations was revealed even more clearly.

The House of Representatives just passed a phase-four coronavirus bill that includes absolutely no money for international cooperation, despite bipartisan support for global health. This puzzling move leaves Gavi the Vaccine Alliance, which vaccinates half the world's children, in the dust.

A global pandemic surely deserves a global response. Not only is international cooperation the fastest, most effective way to get things back to "normal," but it would be wrong of us to turn our backs on billions of people who are struggling.

It's the Senate's time to shine. I urge Senators Roy Blunt and Josh Hawley to support an emergency international relief package of at least \$12 billion, to save lives around the world.

Yara Changyit-Levin

[https://www.stljewishlight.com/opinion/letters\\_to\\_editor/letter-to-the-editor-global-response-is-needed-to-fight-covid-19/article\\_9981d2c8-a684-11ea-8299-47b7ebb1caf6.html?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=email&utm\\_campaign=user-share](https://www.stljewishlight.com/opinion/letters_to_editor/letter-to-the-editor-global-response-is-needed-to-fight-covid-19/article_9981d2c8-a684-11ea-8299-47b7ebb1caf6.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share)





## Ask Congress to fund global health programs

February 11, 2020

As the death toll rises from the coronavirus, the negative economic impact also increases. ("[Economic impact of virus widens as Ericsson exits trade show](#)" by the Associated Press, in the Missoulian, Feb. 7.)

Meanwhile in Congress, the budget for next year is beginning to be decided. America's commitment to global health has never been more important. Our recent increase to our pledge for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, and continuing pledge to Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, lead the way to strengthening world health care systems.

These two initiatives are saving millions of lives while protecting us locally, helping diseases to be stopped where they begin. So remember to do your part: Ask your members of Congress to support this important funding.

Willie Dickerson

[https://missoulian.com/opinion/letters/ask-congress-to-fund-global-health-programs/article\\_7585ed9b-3a07-58fd-bab2-b09d98e7f31d.html?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=email&utm\\_campaign=user-share](https://missoulian.com/opinion/letters/ask-congress-to-fund-global-health-programs/article_7585ed9b-3a07-58fd-bab2-b09d98e7f31d.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share)



## **Don't forget about deaths from AIDS, TB and malaria**

May 21, 2020

Instead of focusing on matters other than COVID-19, the Senate should be acting on the House relief package, adding support for GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance, and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria. ("[Deliberative Senate declines to debate more coronavirus aid](#)," by Lisa Mascaro, Missoulian, May 21).

Not only are these two international initiatives battling COVID-19 in over 70 countries, deaths from AIDS, TB and malaria are expected to rise from 10-36% due to focus on coronavirus.

So call your senators and tell them it is time for action on these global pandemics to protect us locally and provide the relief the House has proposed.

Willie Dickerson

[https://missoulian.com/opinion/letters/dont-forget-about-deaths-from-aids-tb-and-malaria/article\\_06227875-7fd4-5280-838a-c4f613981c60.html?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=email&utm\\_campaign=user-share](https://missoulian.com/opinion/letters/dont-forget-about-deaths-from-aids-tb-and-malaria/article_06227875-7fd4-5280-838a-c4f613981c60.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share)

## Developing Nations

April 2, 2020

Regarding "COVID-19 could kill 2,400 in NC and strain available hospital beds, projection model says," ([March 29](#)):

As Congress crafts an economic stimulus package, it must include resources to support partners in developing nations deal with the immediate crisis and strengthen their health care systems. We already fund USAID programs and multilateral organizations that do this well. We should build on these efforts for COVID-19. Congress must prioritize global health systems, alongside the domestic response. People living in poorer settings must not bear the brunt of this pandemic. We all have a responsibility to not leave them behind.

Dilani Logan

<https://www.newsobserver.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article241644156.html>

## **Solving global challenges**

May 22, 2020

As part of the Asheville chapter of RESULTS, we've worked with NC Reps and Senators over the past 10 years to drive down global poverty, reduce child deaths, and push back disease like HIV/AIDS, TB, and malaria. Now coronavirus has put all of that progress in jeopardy.

Worse, the House of Representatives failed to include any real international response to coronavirus in their new bill. This is a gaping hole.

In dozens of countries, many kids are already missing out on lifesaving vaccines, its getting harder to access treatment for diseases like tuberculosis and HIV/ AIDS, and food insecurity and starvation are rising fast.

Global challenges aren't solved in isolation they're solved in partnership. Whether it's COVID-19 or other ongoing global health emergencies, we need a strong response from Congress here and around the world. I'm counting on our Senators to make sure our country does its part in a global response to this global pandemic.

Ken Patterson

<http://ashevillecitizentimes.nc.newsmemory.com/?publink=064d43cab>



## **Global is Local**

April 14, 2020, Page A11

Cutting WHO funding endangers all of us WHILE WE are now working to save our own lives in the United States, we must also look to our global reality. Ebola, MERS, SARS and now COVID-19 confront us with the frightening truth that poor health and poor health care systems anywhere in the world threaten our lives here at home. No wall will prevent viral or other contagion.

Clearly our Congress must support aid in other countries to keep us safe. We must prevent heartache and economic disruption from settling on our doorsteps, and we can do so best by keeping it from festering in any doorway in any country. Cutting funding to the World Health Organization (WHO), The Global Fund or any other global funding for health places us in serious danger just as we now face every day.

Please let our senators and representatives know your local concerns are also global concerns. Call or email them today for our future health and economic recovery.

Sandra Duckert



## **Virus is testing our health system**

March 18, 2020

All Americans need to have affordable health care. In times of pandemics, those not covered run a risk and put all of us at risk.

In addition, we need to make sure local health departments are funded to meet the demands in times like this. America has done great work battling pandemics on a global level, with support for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, along with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. These initiatives strengthen local health care systems around the world, protecting us locally by battling disease outbreaks where they start.

So now the virus is testing us at home, and our response will help prepare us for the future.

*Willie Dickerson*

<https://lasvegassun.com/news/2020/mar/18/virus-is-testing-our-health-system/>



## Train song

March 5, 2020

Exciting times on the train: great views, new people to meet, plenty of time to ponder, read and write. ("[Tales of the Rails](#)," 2/27).

Last year I took the train from Everett to Washington, D.C. for the RESULTS (results.org) International Conference and back again. I had time to read the pertinent background on initiatives for ending poverty and hunger to be discussed at the conference, relax and enjoy the views of our great country and conversations with other travelers. It was first-class space in the seats, only two to a side; I had four bags (including food and books) and the three-part seat reclined comfortably for sleep.

My decision to take the train was influenced by the carbon footprint issue and curiosity. I am retired, so time, while less of an issue, gave me three days each to spend as I wished. The cost could be less, but there are specials, and my new Amtrak credit card let me take a friend, so we split the cost.

I would encourage others to try the train, short trips to start, or just jump on board and join me for this year's RESULTS International Conference in June; we could use your help to turn around America's inequities — not to mention finally getting time to read that book, write a letter and just staring out the window at America, the beautiful!

Willie Dickerson

<https://eugeneweekly.com/2020/03/05/train-song/>



## Coronavirus

March 11, 2020

Thanks for the excellent medical advice to fight the Coronavirus ("Don't just worry about coronavirus, do something," by Dr. Jeff Horacek and Heather Neilson, Hood River News, March 4). This lifestyle will help us not only now, but in the future against new health threats, and also to feel better in the meantime.

It is like America's investment in the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria, and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance: Saving the lives of millions in our world and helping protect us locally against these and other diseases. Both of these initiatives also strengthen health care systems around the world. So like Dr. Horacek's advice about a healthy lifestyle, these global initiatives protect us with an ounce of prevention, while saving the lives of millions.

Thanks to living in a democracy, we can call or write our representatives and thank them for America's investment in these initiatives, and ask them to fund these and other health initiatives that create a better world and protect us here at home.

Willie Dickerson

[https://www.hoodrivernews.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor-for-march/article\\_446287dc-62f1-11ea-b657-134b38055041.html?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=email&utm\\_campaign=user-share](https://www.hoodrivernews.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor-for-march/article_446287dc-62f1-11ea-b657-134b38055041.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share)



# Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

## Fund programs to prevent viruses

February 16, 2020

The coronavirus is terrifying because it is so new and the treatment is so unknown at this moment. My best friend's mother was trapped in Wuhan, China, until she was evacuated last week. She is in quarantine on a military base.

As a country, we can make a difference in preventing more viruses from spreading globally by funding global immunizations. Members of the State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs subcommittee will soon consider spending levels for global development for fiscal year 2021.

I call on Sens. Bob Casey, D-Pa., and Pat Toomey, R-Pa., and Rep. Mike Doyle, D-Forest Hills, to support the U.S. to provide \$900 million for Maternal and Child Health funding, which will include \$290 million for the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization within the Maternal and Child Health Account.

Lily Callaway

<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/letters/2020/02/16/Fund-programs-to-prevent-viruses/stories/202002160061>



## **We must fight infectious disease globally**

April 7, 2020

At least one county in West Virginia is trying to prevent people from crossing borders by stopping the sale of liquor to out-of-state residents ([“West Virginia county bans liquor sales to out-of-state residents including Pennsylvanians,”](#) April 4, TribLIVE). This may be effective to stop the movement of some people, but stopping viruses and bacteria will take a more comprehensive response.

Knowing that you will get turned away at the checkout aisle and be kept from your wine and booze may keep you out of West Virginia, but infectious diseases are more relentless. The good news is that we already have a systematic response that is effective in stopping global infectious diseases. Congress funds the [Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria](#), which has saved tens of millions of lives over the past 20 years, in many countries all over the world.

As covid-19 has taught us, no infectious disease is local. Congress must prioritize global health systems, alongside the domestic response, as we move forward together. People living in poorer settings must not bear the brunt of global pandemics. Whether it's coronavirus or other ongoing global health emergencies, like tuberculosis or HIV, we need a strong global response that honors the needs and human rights of people in poverty.

I call on my senators, Bob Casey and Pat Toomey, and my representative, Mike Doyle, to continue to fund the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria so that we can rely on effective disease prevention — and get our liquor wherever we want.

Ben Callaway

<https://triblive.com/opinion/letter-to-the-editor-we-must-fight-infectious-disease-globally/>

# Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

## Global response

May 18, 2020

Americans are now suing China because they feel that China did not do enough to contain the spread of COVID-19 (May 11, "U.S. Virus Patients, Businesses Sue China"). We need to determine who did right and wrong in the global spread of COVID-19.

But while the courts deliberate, there is a dire need to combat and stop COVID-19 now. We need direct action, not just lawsuits.

That direct action must be global. We need a strong domestic response, but we also have to remember our partners in low-income countries. We've helped many such countries make great progress in the past on vaccines and infectious diseases. But COVID-19 is compromising that progress.

The U.S. should lean on effective international organizations like Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria to help provide essential support to low-income countries that are struggling with the repercussions of the COVID-19 outbreak.

I call on U.S. Rep. Mike Doyle, D-Forest Hills, and Sens. Bob Casey, D-Pa., and Pat Toomey, R-Pa., to write and speak to House and Senate leadership to ensure that the COVID-19 emergency response includes support for global health institutions that will fight infectious disease that impact us all, like COVID-19. This is the humane thing to do, and will benefit us all in the long term.

Ben Callaway

<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/letters/2020/05/18/Global-response/stories/202005180019>



## **Global partnership needed on coronavirus**

May 31, 2020

I'm so excited that my favorite bakeries are finally opening up again (["Let them eat Torte: Prantl's Bakery reopens in Greensburg, Shadyside,"](#) May 21, TribLIVE). Life feels like we're going back to normal again.

However, I'm concerned that this will happen again. With the phase 4 roll-out of the covid-19 response, the House of Representatives failed to include any real international response to coronavirus in its new bill.

Global challenges aren't solved in isolation — they're solved in partnership. We need a strong response from Congress here and around the world. I'm counting on our senators to make sure our country does its part in a global response to this global pandemic.

I call on Sens. Bob Casey and Pat Toomey to write and speak to House and Senate leadership to ensure that the covid-19 emergency response includes support for global health institutions that will fight infectious diseases that impact us all, like covid-19.

Lily Callaway

<https://triblive.com/opinion/letter-to-the-editor-global-partnership-needed-on-coronavirus/>

# Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

## Unclear future for 2020 graduates

June 1, 2020

Graduation photos, robes, commencement speeches and the chance to finally walk across the stage toward that hard-earned diploma weren't the only things that the COVID-19 pandemic has taken away from the Class of 2020. With universities still unclear on fall reopening plans, even more significant is the uncertainty that my class faces about the next steps of our education.

College communities are very much a microcosm of the world, made up of students not only across the nation, but across the globe. Unfortunately, the House of Representatives failed to include any real international response to coronavirus in their new coronavirus relief bill.

On behalf of the Class of 2020, I'm calling on my Sens. Bob Casey, D-Pa., and Pat Toomey, R-Pa., to make sure our country does its part in a global response to this global pandemic.

Keerthana Samanthapudi

<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/letters/2020/06/01/Unclear-future-for-2020-graduates/stories/202006010011>

## **Why US cannot ignore global effects of the coronavirus pandemic**

May 17, 2020

One thing I love about Upstate South Carolina is that we are an international community. With businesses and friends from all over the world, we can be proud that we care about issues that affect us locally and globally.

As the CEO of an Upstate organization that supports women and girls globally, I want our community to remember that resource-poor areas in the world are not equipped to handle ancillary effects of COVID-19. Medical supply chains are being disrupted, which could mean an additional 1.2 million deaths of children under 5 years old in the next six months, according to reports. Disruption of basic food supply chains means that an additional 135 million people will face crisis levels of hunger in 2020. In other words, 14% of the world's population is walking toward the brink of starvation right now.

Coronavirus is a global challenge that needs a global response. But the new bill in the House of Representatives left this out, with no international focus. Whether it's COVID-19 or other ongoing global health emergencies, we need a strong global response from Congress that honors the needs and human rights of people experiencing poverty.

Organizations like the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, and the Global Partnership for Education are responding to the emergency. We should support them.

Global challenges aren't solved in isolation; they're solved in partnership. I'm now counting on our South Carolina Senators (Lindsey) Graham and (Tim) Scott to help fill this gaping hole in the bill moving in Washington.

If anything has become clear in the COVID-19 crisis, it is that our futures are bound to one another – all over the world. Our politicians must act.

Beth Ellen Holimon

<https://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/2020/05/17/letter-why-us-cannot-ignore-coronavirus-pandemic-global-impact/5197119002/>



## **Senators should support vaccines**

February 14, 2020

To the Editor:

It was inspiring to read Lindsey Reed's concerns about access to health care for everyone worldwide. Building health systems is vital to achieving WHO's Universal Health Coverage goal. Vaccines are an important first step towards that goal. Today 10% of the world's kids don't receive any vaccines. These 10.4 million Zero-Dose Kids and their families often have no access to health care.

Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance has immunized 760 million children, preventing more than 13 million deaths, in their first 20 years. This has driven down costs by creating a world market for vaccines. A U.S. multi-year pledge at Gavi's pledging conference this June would signal our continued partnership for vaccinating 300 million additional children by 2025, saving more lives and creating a healthier world for everyone. U.S. Congressman Chuck Fleischmann and Sens. Lamar Alexander and Marsha Blackburn should express their support for a Gavi pledge to the administration.

Anne Child

<https://www.oakridger.com/news/20200214/letters-senators-should-support-vaccines>



# The Dallas Morning News

## U.S. must take the lead

January 2, 2020

I wish to end the old year and begin the new by thanking Rep. Colin Allred, as well as Reps. Eddie Bernice Johnson, Van Taylor and Lance Gooden, for co-sponsoring House Resolution 189, the global malnutrition resolution. Sustained U.S. leadership is necessary to accelerate global progress against maternal and child malnutrition.

Malnourished children have a higher risk of death from common childhood illnesses such as diarrhea, pneumonia and malaria. The interaction between malnutrition and infection can create a potentially lethal cycle of worsening illness and deteriorating nutritional status. According to the World Health Organization, more than half of under-5 child deaths are due to preventable diseases that are treatable through simple, affordable interventions. Strengthening health systems to provide critical interventions to all children will save many young lives.

Immunizations and vaccines are critical to achieving the important goal of ending preventable child deaths. By continuing support of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance Congress can protect millions more children from illness and death.

Every child deserves a fifth birthday, regardless of where she is born.

Kyle Talkington

<https://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/2020/01/02/letters-to-the-editor-church-shooting-south-dallas-the-global-malnutrition-resolution-mark-wingfield-column-2020/>

# The Dallas Morning News

## Low-income countries need help

April 19, 2020

The world faces its most significant global pandemic. While the United States must urgently fight the global spread of COVID-19, we must also protect hard-fought global health gains secured in low-income countries.

The novel coronavirus has certainly disrupted all our lives; however, it's the impoverished communities, already pushed to the margins, that face the greatest risks. The toll of COVID-19 on countries' economies will only intensify the challenge of obtaining daily necessities for survival.

Sub-Saharan Africa may be particularly vulnerable. Most countries rated by the Global Health Security Index as "least prepared" to respond are in Africa.

To aid with the response, the U.S. should lean on organizations with global reach like Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria.

As Congress develops a Phase 4 COVID-19 response package, I encourage our senators and local representatives to support measures that: support low-income countries to respond to COVID-19; protect other health programs that address diseases of poverty; and address impacts of the pandemic, such as education, that disproportionately affect the poor.

Kyle Talkington

<https://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/2020/04/19/letters-to-the-editor-lab-technicians-flower-mound-assisted-living-dallas-county-rockwall-stores-low-income-communities-health-corps/>

# The Dallas Morning News

## Vaccine quest must be global

May 22, 2020

Re: "Vaccine shows promise — Early Moderna testing holds hope, but more study needed," Tuesday news story.

This promising vaccine news deserves your front-page coverage! I know I will not feel comfortable going out until I get vaccinated. I am sure many others share my feeling.

When a vaccine is available, everyone who wants to be vaccinated should be. The way that happens around the world differs greatly as the quality and capabilities of health systems are so different.

Gavi, the vaccine alliance, is the leading international organization driving the equitable delivery of life-saving vaccines. Since its inception, Gavi has protected a whole generation of children, 760 million of them, from potentially fatal infectious diseases. The alliance, along with its low-income country partners, must begin preparing now to deliver a COVID-19 vaccine in its countries while also figuring out how to continue current immunization programs.

The new House emergency funding bill made no provision for global programs. We cannot and should not ignore the world. Please contact both Texas senators and urge that the Senate bill recognize the global nature of the pandemic. Including at least 1% of any additional funding for global efforts, including for Gavi, would be prudent.

Margaret Smith

<https://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/2020/05/22/letters-to-the-editor-texans-vote-by-mail-vaccines-opinion-vs-news-steve-mnuchin-jewish-extremist/>

# The Salt Lake Tribune

## How to make dreams come true

January 12, 2020

Is it possible for the exciting headlines [dreamt up by Salt Lake Tribune readers](#) to come true?

Dreams are a start, next take action. This is how our democracy works: Call and write those who represent you to create the political will to pass initiatives that create a better country and world.

This is how the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria received an increase in funding that will save 16 million lives, prevent over 200 million new infections and keep us on the path to control these pandemics, treating them globally to protect us locally. [RESULTS](#) has been helping ordinary people do this work for 40 years. Ready to do your part?

Willie Dickerson

<https://www.sltrib.com/opinion/letters/2020/01/12/letter-how-make-dreams/>



## Let's unite to fight disease and poverty

February 7, 2020

Lindsey LeBaron's [letter to the editor](#) served as a call to speak up in our democracy and support the end of poverty. This is a great idea.

In our country, with 1 in 5 children and 1 in 7 seniors living in poverty, it is time to speak up. Ask your representatives to support a renters tax credit, offering hope instead of homelessness to millions of Americans.

Thanks to our voices, a bipartisan group in Congress passed an increase to America's pledge to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Millions of lives will now be saved and millions of new infections prevented. Let's use our voices to ask for the same for [Gavi, the vaccine alliance](#), so the world's children will all have hope to live beyond age 5.

Let's speak up with our calls, letters and visits, letting our representatives know that these and other initiatives to end poverty and infection will make a difference to all of us.

Willie Dickerson

<https://www.deseret.com/opinion/2020/2/7/21124825/letter-lets-unite-to-fight-disease-and-poverty>



## **Nobel Laureate Muhammad Yunus: A post-pandemic world should deliver a new future for capitalism**

May 19, 2020

The extent of damage that the current coronavirus pandemic is causing the world is mind-boggling. However, despite this massive damage, it offers us an unparalleled opportunity.

Right now, the whole world has to address a big question. It is not about how to get the economy running again. We know how to do that. The big question that we have to answer is: Do we take the world back to where it was before this coronavirus came? Is that a worthy goal? Or, do we *redesign*? The decision is entirely ours.

The pre-pandemic world was full of strife and threat of collapse. Until COVID-19 became the news, we literally were counting the days until the whole planet would be unfit for human existence due to climate catastrophe; we were under serious threat of massive unemployment created by artificial intelligence; and wealth concentration was reaching an explosive level.

Should we go back to that world? The choice is ours.

The coronavirus suddenly changed the context and calculus of the world. It has opened up audacious possibilities that never existed before. Suddenly we are at the tabula rasa — the blank slate. There has been so much destruction that we must rebuild. We can go any direction we want. What unbelievable freedom of choice.

Before we truly restart the economy, we must decide on what kind of economy we want. First and foremost, we have to recognize that we are the economy and “the economy” is a means. It facilitates us to reach the goals set by us. We should not forget for a moment that it is a system or tool made by us. It should not behave like a death trap. We must keep on designing and redesigning it until we arrive at the highest collective flourishing, resilience and happiness.

If at any point we feel that the economy is not taking us where we want to go, we should understand that there is something wrong with the software we are

currently using, and we need to rewrite the code. All we have to do is to fix it. If we want to create a world of zero net carbon emission, we build the right metaphorical hardware and software to achieve it. If we want a world of zero unemployment, we do the same. If we want a world of shared prosperity and less astronomical concentration of wealth, we do the same. The power is in us. When human beings set their mind to get something done, they do it. Little is impossible.

The COVID-19 crisis offers us almost limitless opportunities to make a fresh start. We can start designing our system to create the results we want. Now is the time to reimagine the future.

One simple unanimous decision will help us tremendously: a clear resolve that we don't want to go back to where we were.

We don't want to jump back into the same frying pan in the name of recovery. We should not even call what's next a "recovery."

What should matter most as we create the future? Let's put social and environmental consciousness firmly center stage for all decision-making.

Pursuing this offers the possibility of an economy that unleashes creativity, honors human dignity, celebrates the planet's ability to sustain life and engenders happiness.

Governments' efforts should concentrate on those measures that provide maximum social and environmental benefit to society. Future public policy ought to reflect our vision for the kind of world we want. And importantly, businesses will play a key role in achieving social purpose.

As we reimagine the future economy, I propose that we harness the engine of business to achieve social purpose. Let's call this social business.

A social business seeks to maximize social benefit. It is a business created to solve people's problems and address their needs. It is not a nonprofit, but it doesn't enrich investors either. With whatever profit it generates, investors recoup their original investment and then all subsequent profits are plowed back into the business to create additional social benefit.

Encouraging social businesses doesn't displace government programs that are needed urgently right now. And social businesses will take time to come to fruition and reach scale on par with the impact they can have.

To speed up the entry of social businesses, governments could create Social Business Venture Capital Funds. Special stimulus funds could be allotted to those wanting to take small businesses and transform them into a social business.

Traditional companies could be encouraged to become social businesses themselves, take in social business partners, or establish a fund to seed the emergence of such ventures.

Social business investors and entrepreneurs are everywhere. Too often we don't see them because economic textbooks don't recognize their existence. Economics has become a science for profit maximization. But now is the time for an economics that can deliver a new future for capitalism. These investors and entrepreneurs exist all over the world.

Already there are giant multinational companies like Dannon, big social business funds, many talented CEOs, foundations and others with many years of experience in financing and running global and local social businesses.

Hardcore personal-profit makers have plunged into social business and found it uniquely rewarding.

We must act fast and design our plans right now, even while we are in the thick of the crisis. When the crisis subsides, there will be a stampede of old ideas. Strong cases will be made to derail the new initiatives. Some will protest untested policies. Others will merely seek the familiar. But now is the time for boldness. Let's reimagine what's possible and redesign our world.

If we fail in our response to this crisis and squander the opportunity, we will be heading for a calamity that is many times worse than what the coronavirus brought. This is our chance.

*Muhammad Yunus is a 2006 Nobel Peace Laureate and the founder of Grameen Bank.*

<https://www.deseret.com/opinion/2020/5/19/21263758/nobel-laureate-muhammad-yunus-pandemic-society-economy-new-normal-going-back-covid-19>



# The Salt Lake Tribune

## **Circling the wagons makes no sense in a global pandemic**

May 27, 2020

The House has passed its [Phase 4 pandemic relief funding bill](#). The Senate will debate it next. My concern is not that the \$3 trillion investment may not be enough to keep our health systems functioning and our economy afloat, but that this package ignores the rest of the world, despite the fact that we are in a global fight for survival.

The entire world, all of its peoples, and every economy, is simultaneously now under threat. Yet, this bill only looks inward, focuses its attention solely upon the United States. Perhaps this circling the wagons to protect “our own” made some sense when the adversary was another human, but it makes no sense when the adversary is a global virus.

This global contagion has shed light on just how interdependent we are on the world, and just how frail our health system and our economy are. Like a house of cards with each card gingerly leaning against the next, our health, our lives and our livelihoods are all intertwined and mutually dependent upon others, upon our neighbors and upon the far-flung peoples of our world.

Our multi-trillion-dollar health care system was brought to its knees by the lack of a 50-cent mask. Our celebrated “just-in-time” delivery processes and minimalist inventories have failed miserably; another card falling. A tiny mutation in a bat virus on the other side of the globe has resoundingly demonstrated that all humans everywhere are equally vulnerable.

The obvious lesson from our current crisis is that all humans on the planet are in this together. That every nation, every tribe, every community is under attack and that we need to defend everyone, if we are going to get through this. We can no longer pretend that we can just take care of our own, our own families, our own country. That will not work. We will continue to need international commerce, distant sources of raw materials, global producers and worldwide consumers. We will need the world to survive and to thrive, if we are to survive and thrive.

Yet, in that \$3 trillion spending bill, there is not one cent allocated to investing in global health. Consider that because of global lockdowns and health system disruptions, our old infectious scourges are rebounding. Tuberculosis, which last year killed 1.5 million souls, will increase without medicines getting out to villages. Malaria and AIDS will accelerate.

Over 13.5 million children will miss immunizations and ancient adversaries like measles and polio will again surge, costing children their lives. Food shortages are calculated to double the number of people experiencing acute hunger to 265 million, with stunting and wasting in children and increased child deaths. And without global intervention this new virus will continue to circulate for years to come.

Now, more than ever before, it is clear that we who are able to help the world must help the world. I urge you to call your senators and beg them to allocate \$12 billion of the relief fund to global health investments to shore up poor countries' health systems, train health workers, deliver needed supplies and to send the message that we care about the peoples of the world.

While that seems like a lot of money, it is less than one half of one percent of the total relief bill.

We must invest in the survival and thriving of all the world's peoples. We are all in this together.

**William E. Cosgrove, M.D.,** *Cottonwood Heights, is a pediatrician and a member of the Salt Lake County Board of Health.*

<https://www.sltrib.com/opinion/commentary/2020/05/27/william-e-cosgrove/>

# The Salt Lake Tribune

## Letter: There can't be economic recovery while the pandemic continues

June 2, 2020

As the Utah Legislature revisits our state budget during an interim session in June and the U.S. Senate considers action on another stimulus bill, I would ask our Utah legislators and our U.S. congressional delegation to reflect on two basic questions. First, what are our values as a society? Second, what programs and spending will allow us to rebound the most quickly, once the pandemic is over?

Please also note that control of the epidemic and economic health are two sides of one coin. Economic recovery will not happen while the pandemic continues. Some of the resource priorities that should flow in answer to those two basic questions include those needed to:

- Provide a strong public health response and insure access to medical care for those who fall ill.
- Prevent dramatic increases in homelessness and hunger.
- Ensure that small businesses can survive to reopen once it is safe to do so.
- Ensure that our children's education is not irreparably harmed and that return to the classroom can be done safely.
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Finally, some aspects of Utah's response have been/are concerning, namely:

- Failure to quickly implement clear, mandatory statewide restrictions.
- Stripping of the ability of cities and counties to independently impose restrictions.
- Failure to comprehensively test and screen high risk populations in care facilities, prisons, and other human "repositories."
- Reopening prematurely without nuanced thinking around which specific activities can resume/venues open.
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A second wave seems sure to follow premature reopening and disregard for the simple precaution of universal mask wearing and the limiting of gatherings. A second wave will be worse than the first and another round of shutdown will be

even more economically devastating than the first. Furthermore, it will be more difficult to impose.

*Ellen Brady*

<https://www.sltrib.com/opinion/letters/2020/06/02/letter-there-cant-be/>

# BAINBRIDGE ISLAND REVIEW

## **Give a gift this year that will help others**

January 5, 2020

To the editor:

What a great idea to make a donation to a nonprofit organization in honor of someone you care about ("Give the Gift of Caring," Bainbridge Island Review, Dec. 20, 2019).

My favorite is RESULTS (results.org), an organization of ordinary citizens working with their members of Congress (thanks Rep. Derek Kilmer) to pass initiatives to help those experiencing hunger and poverty. The recent increase in the pledge to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria is one example of their successful work. Domestic efforts include tax fairness initiatives and increasing affordable housing. Why not give the gift of helping others?

Willie Dickerson

<https://www.bainbridgereview.com/letters/give-a-gift-this-year-that-will-help-others-letter-to-the-editor/>



## **Appreciate U.S. Rep. Larsen's support in funding disease fight**

February 17, 2020

In the midst of what seems a broken democracy, with partisan tribal wars amidst the hunger, poverty, and dangers of disease, there is a glimmer of hope. Meeting with U.S. Rep. Rick Larsen's staff at his Everett office, six members of our Snohomish County RESULTS group found a welcoming and concerned listener. We talked about tax fairness, including a renters' tax credit, and global health, thanking the congressman for his support of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria.

In addition to battling these three pandemics, the Global Fund's work strengthens the health care systems in the countries it gives grants. This makes these countries better able to stop new diseases and viruses where they begin, so they don't spread. We requested his support in funding these and other initiatives in the coming appropriations process. This is democracy in action: constituents speak up, and representatives listen and take action. Then of course the constituents continue the dialogue with follow up, gratitude and new requests.

RESULTS (results.org) has been helping volunteers with this process for 40 years. In this way, the number of deaths of children under 5 has been cut by nearly two-thirds, deaths from the three major pandemics have been cut by 40 percent or more, and domestic programs have been protected and new initiatives launched. Taking action is the best way to create both personal and global hope. Join us.

Willie Dickerson

<https://www.heraldnet.com/opinion/appreciate-u-s-rep-larsens-support-in-funding-disease-fight/>



## **Legislator hears concerns: DeBene meeting went well**

March 4, 2020

To the Editor:

Meeting recently with Congresswoman Suzan DelBene and her staff, I was reminded of how important it is to go beyond voting in our democracy.

She listened to our RESULTS group's concerns, including tax fairness and global health. She agreed to sign two letters in support of appropriations for basic education, maternal and child health, nutrition, and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. These global health initiatives help save millions of lives, strengthen global health care systems, and protect us locally by dealing with disease globally. She also spoke of her bills for affordable housing and increasing the Child Tax Credit to address issues of poverty in our country, where one in five children and one in seven seniors struggle. Congresswoman DelBene's bipartisan work on these issues is commendable. By working together with our representatives, we can help create a better country for all.

Willie Dickerson

<http://www.snoho.com/html/letters.html>



## **Global Health**

March 7, 2020

It is a relief to see America's schools preparing to deal with the new threat of the coronavirus. ("US schools start planning for possible spread of coronavirus" by Collin Binkley, The Daily News, Feb. 28.).

This ounce of prevention will make a difference. This is one of the reasons the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria along with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance have been so effective in global health. Both of these initiatives strengthen local health care systems around the globe.

No wonder Congress increased America's pledge to the Global Fund and it is hoped they will do the same for Gavi in June. This bipartisan support from Congress is the opposite of the tribal warfare that is usually reported.

Why not take a moment to thank your representatives in Congress for this global health commitment that makes us safer locally?

Willie Dickerson

[https://tdn.com/opinion/letters/letters-global-health/article\\_25903e69-89cd-5f0f-9b63-4bd18653413f.html?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=email&utm\\_campaign=user-share](https://tdn.com/opinion/letters/letters-global-health/article_25903e69-89cd-5f0f-9b63-4bd18653413f.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share)



## **World faces more health threats than just COVID-19**

March 22, 2020

The danger is almost invisible, until, like a friend of mine, you develop a dry cough and temperature. The risk is quite serious, but still almost invisible.

There are other threats to human health that are equally ominous, or even more. As of Saturday, March 21, about 14,000 people have succumbed to COVID-19 worldwide. Did you know that over 14,000 children under the age of five die every day from preventable illnesses like pneumonia, diarrhea and malaria? Yet, those deaths are seemingly invisible to us. The reason we don't know about them is that those children mostly live in the developing world, where access to prenatal care, adequate nutrition, immunizations, public health systems and medical care are limited or non-existent.

Another threat to human health is global warming. Again, looking out my window into the forest, it's hard to tell that the world is changing. Yet, even now, thousands of people's lives have been lost due to the impacts of climate change, including floods, fire, drought and rising seas. It's easy to ignore those impacts because they are not happening to me and us.

Here in the U.S., we need to take the coronavirus threat very seriously and follow the recommendations of the CDC and our state and local health departments. But, we also need to recognize these other health threats that are occurring at this very moment. Children are dying and our climate is threatened. An equally strong response to those threats is required by a humane society.

Beth Wilson

<https://www.kitsapsun.com/story/opinion/readers/2020/03/22/world-faces-more-health-threats-than-just-covid-19/2894504001/>

# The Seattle Times

## **Do your part in the fight against malaria**

April 25, 2020

Excellent update on the importance of funding the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria [ "Malaria battle reaches a critical crossroads" editorial, April 23].

Each of us can do our part by calling or writing those who represent us in Congress and thank them for past support of the Global Fund and ask them to continue to budget America's important pledge this October.

Willie Dickerson

<https://www.seattletimes.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/do-your-part-in-the-fight-against-malaria/>

# The Seattle Times

## Coronavirus: Global problem

May 7, 2020

Let's all remember that COVID-19 is a global pandemic. As bad as it is in the U.S., low-income countries are suffering in nightmarish ways.

The gains made in child immunization are lost because of a critical shortage of health workers. We have clean water and sanitation not available in many countries.

I'm asking our representatives and senators to write and speak to House and Senate leadership to ensure that our COVID-19 response includes support for global health and education in low-income partner nations.

Let's remind ourselves that the pandemic is a global problem. We're citizens of Earth. We're all in this together.

Rochelle Goldberg

<https://www.seattletimes.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/coronavirus-global-problem/>



## Response must be global

May 15, 2020

“COVID-19 has preyed upon our interconnectedness” is a statement from an April 14 AP report about Washington, Oregon and California’s governors announcing they’ll work together to form a [coronavirus response pact](#).

As we regionally respond to the tragedy of this pandemic, we know it’s also threatening communities facing poverty all around the world.

As Congress prepares for the next stage of its coronavirus response, it should include support for lower-income countries to deal with the immediate crisis and to strengthen their healthcare systems in the long run.

Our government already supports international organizations that do this well, including the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, as well U.S. programs focused on global health and education. We should build on these efforts.

Thankfully, Washington leadership in Olympia along with representation in D.C. recognizes this is a global pandemic, requiring both essential local response as well as long-term global response. Senators Murray and Cantwell; Reps. Heck, Kilmer and Herrera-Beutler are doing what they can. Our gratitude to them. And yet we’d like to spread this perspective with others across the country. Perhaps you have friends or relatives with whom you might share this interconnectedness concern?

Nancy Curtiss

<https://www.theolympian.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article242720026.html>

## **Think globally in COVID response**

May 17, 2020

We are encouraged to see that Congress continues to address the need for a strong response to help mitigate the economic and medical impact of COVID-19 in the United States.

We are writing to express concern that adequate funding for global health and education might not be included in the Congressional CARES-4 bill. The U.S. has made substantial progress over the past few years in reducing the incidence of TB, malaria, HIV/AIDS, and malnutrition; while increasing access to education for children living in impoverished countries. COVID-19 is severely compromising this progress. Without continued funding, in the coming few years we could see millions of unnecessary deaths along with economic and political instability in our low income partner countries.

We urge everyone to contact Senators Murray and Cantwell, and Congressman Kilmer. Please ask them to support adequate funding for these global issues. This is the humane thing to do and it will help us all in the long term.

Leslie and Michael Boyer

[https://www.kitsapsun.com/story/opinion/readers/2020/05/17/think-globally-covid-response/5209952002/?utm\\_source=kitsapsun-Daily%20Briefing&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=daily\\_briefing&utm\\_term=latest\\_article\\_headline](https://www.kitsapsun.com/story/opinion/readers/2020/05/17/think-globally-covid-response/5209952002/?utm_source=kitsapsun-Daily%20Briefing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily_briefing&utm_term=latest_article_headline)



## **U.S. foreign aid efforts on health should continue**

May 18, 2020

As the United States and the world face the COVID-19 threat, we must not forget our partners in low-income countries.

Our aid has helped these countries make great progress on child health, diseases and education. But these advances are precarious and COVID-19 is already compromising basic vaccination services, education and access for testing and treatment of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.

The US should lean on our alliances with effective international organizations with proven success like Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria to amplify the response.

Rep. Rick Larsen and Sens. Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell should write and speak with U.S. House and Senate leadership to ensure that our response to the COVID-19 crisis includes support for global health and education in low-income partner nations. This is the right thing to do and produce better results for us in the end.

Ronald Borovec

<https://www.heraldnet.com/opinion/u-s-foreign-aid-efforts-on-health-should-continue/>



## **Leaders in Congress must hear our voices**

May 26, 2020

To the editor:

Perfect timing to suggest we spend money to save lives instead of other actions, or little action at all. ("Spend money to save lives, not take them," by Pat Wolff, Bainbridge Island Review, May 5)

Right now, there are proposals in Congress to deal with the housing crisis that would help cut off the flow to homelessness; to increase the funding for SNAP (formerly food stamps) to battle hunger; and to increase our pledge to fight pandemics with extra money for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria, and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. Both of these organizations are well positioned and working hard to battle global pandemics, including COVID-19.

So speak up to the members of our Washington state Congressional delegation, champions of this life-saving work, asking for follow through and double their efforts to keep us safe and bring equity to America.

Willie Dickerson

<https://www.bainbridgereview.com/letters/leaders-in-congress-must-hear-our-voices-letter-to-the-editor/>



## **Pandemic: Congress must approve global aid**

May 28, 2020

A global pandemic requires a global response. Ninety six percent of American voters believe the U.S. ought to help with the global response to the COVID-19 emergency. However, Congress has yet to include anything for global health in its emergency funding.

Even before the pandemic, almost 15,000 children under age 5 and 800 pregnant or parenting women died each day from preventable causes. Over 1 million people die annually from tuberculosis, the most infectious killer in the world.

Much of the global health infrastructure has pivoted to address the pandemic. So those numbers are sure to rise as our efforts to address maternal child health and tuberculosis and nutrition are redirected.

The U.S. Senate must step up and fund global health in its next round of pandemic funding to correct the House's omission of global health from its bill.

Please contact Senators Murray and Cantwell to speak on behalf of the children and women worldwide whose lives are more at risk than ever.

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<https://www.thenewstribune.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article243066821.html>





## **Teaching about sustainable development is a bright idea**

January 12, 2020

Dear Editor: Love the Bright Ideas series and especially the one about teaching students about the Sustainable Development Goals. ("Bright Ideas 2020: Teach students about UN's Sustainable Development Goals" by Jason Knoll, The Cap Times, Jan. 8, 2019) There are 10 years left to achieve these goals by 2030, so everyone's help is needed. Achieving these goals will be the answer to the problems that plague humanity: hunger, poverty, disease, climate change and more. There are organizations to help you do your part, like RESULTS (results.org) for ending hunger and poverty, and Citizens Climate Lobby (citizensclimatelobby.org) for combating climate change. Let 2020 be the year of our clear vision and the beginning of the success of these goals. Billions of people will benefit.

Willie Dickerson

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## **We can save lives by pushing for congressional action**

May 12, 2020

Dear Editor:

America's public health and global health are definitely interconnected. ("Our handling of COVID-19 will have a global impact" by Margaret Krome, The Cap Times, April 28, 2020) A bipartisan group in Congress has consistently ignored the president's call for cuts to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and malaria and other global health initiatives.

A recent letter calling for an additional \$1 billion in funding for the Global Fund was signed by 105 representatives, from both parties. Of course our representatives are more likely to follow through with this funding if they hear from constituents about global health being a critical factor in our public health.

Our calls, letters, and virtual visits can help to save millions of lives, and help control pandemics before they reach our shores or return to them.

Willie Dickerson

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## **Bipartisanship still possible in U.S., can change the world**

February 9, 2020

Every day, news outlets and social media cut across partisan lines, only to bring us messages of despair, frustration and anger. Everything seems geared to divide us even more. But we should hear real news of agreement and action. On Jan. 14, the Senate UNANIMOUSLY passed Senate Resolution 260, recognizing the importance of United States leadership for global progress against maternal and child malnutrition. The resolution specifically supports the United States Agency for International Development's multi-sectoral strategy for ending malnutrition. The strategy means more than sending food; it means helping countries develop agriculture, health-care systems, delivery infrastructure and much more for themselves.

Ann Erdmann

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## **We need to address virus pandemic both here, abroad**

April 15, 2020

Do you remember the Waldo Canyon Fire a few years ago? Houses made of fire-resistant materials set in perfectly "fire-scaped" yards burned to the ground when the fire (which had never reached them directly) got so hot the buildings and their contents simply burst into flames.

We need to learn the lesson as we deal with the current pandemic. We have to do what we can to take care of our own home, but we cannot ignore flames in the world around us.

Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, is already at work in the world. It has taken steps to help strengthen the preparedness of health systems in lower-income countries. It will be working closely with WHO, CEPI, World Bank, UNICEF and other partners for acceleration of the best-candidate vaccines with a focus on access and scale-up of production and delivery.

Using a country-led approach, Gavi is preparing now for deployment of a vaccine, even in the poorest and most remote parts of the world. And, as Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, chair of the Gavi Board, has said, "Routine immunization against other deadly diseases, like measles, polio, yellow fever and diphtheria also must continue – we cannot have two global outbreaks on our hands."

The Trump administration's budget proposal calls for appropriations of \$290 million for Gavi. Committees in both houses of Congress have indicated their support for that figure.

Write our members of Congress now to urge their support for that figure as a MINIMUM to help fight the fires of preventable diseases, highlighting Gavi's work to

get ahead of the inferno that is COVID-19. This is something you can do, even from home.

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