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| 6/23/21 | WA | More support for students needed after pandemic | Everett Herald | Letter to the editor |
| 6/29/21 | WA | Support global education | Columbian | Letter to the editor |
| 7/2/21 | WA | Bipartisanship: The fruits of collaboration | Seattle Times | Letter to the editor |
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| 3/15/21 | WI | Ask Congress to fund global health efforts | The Cap Times | Letter to the editor |
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The Birmingham News

Let's join to fight world hunger

May 9, 2021

In his recent speech, President Biden implored the nation to join with our allies to lead the world. He urged cooperation in addressing global crises such as pandemics, climate change, mass migration and terrorism. Another crisis, integral to each of those, is global poverty.

Impoverished nations have fewer resources to survive the pandemic and their infection rates invite variants that will spread beyond their borders. Climate change is robbing people of the ability to grow food to feed their families. Too many see migration or joining extremist groups as their only chance of survival.

The U.S. and other high-income nations need to help alleviate poverty around the world, both because it is the humanitarian response and because political stability and strong economies across nations are in our own interest.

We should provide adequate nutrition to nurture children's physical and mental development to ready them for productive lives. Enhancing their education enhances their future productivity. Moreover, across the work better educated women opt to have fewer children, which will aid efforts to mitigate climate change. Tuberculosis is an epidemic in many low and middle-income nations, threatening the employment of literally millions. It is an epidemic that can and should be ended.

— Cale Campbell, Kristen Carlisle, Lisa Devinner, Sean M. McMahon, and Emily Northrop

Birmingham

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Fight Tuberculosis

March 25, 2021

COVID-19 has replaced tuberculosis as the most lethal infectious disease. Yet people suffering with HIV/AIDS die from TB, this disgusting disease that has plagued mankind since before Egyptian times.

Since 2000, 63 million lives have been saved from the misery of tuberculosis. The world is not on track to reach goals set in 2018 by the U.S. and many others at the United Nations. The impact of COVID-19 has further undermined and reversed progress made in 1920.

The world could see an additional 6.3 million cases of TB and an additional 1.4 million deaths between now and 2025, setting the fight against TB back 10 years or more and worsening the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Biden-Harris administration should request that Congress provide a total of \$1 billion for fiscal 2022 for USAID, assisting countries to roll out the first new antibiotics in 40 years. This would allow USAID to expand efforts as TB diagnostic networks are already being used for COVID-19 as well as TB. More funds could ensure adequate equipment and facilities leading to better control of both diseases.

Thankfully, our members of Congress, Sens. Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan and Rep. Don Young, are all concerned about these two killers and are working to address, not ignore, the need for both diseases to be eradicated.

— **Mary Colleen Martin**

Anchorage

<https://www.adn.com/opinions/letters/2021/03/25/letter-fight-tuberculosis/>



Supporting education for all children

May 29, 2021

At one point, almost every child on the planet was out of school and every parent was left to figure out a new daily reality. For many, this marked a transition to online or hybrid learning. But for many other children facing poverty, isolation, or pushed to the margins, it has meant no school at all.

The education crisis brought on by COVID-19 threatens the historic progress made by communities globally to get millions more children in school. Urgent action is needed so the COVID-19 education crisis does not become a catastrophe for an entire generation.

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The Biden Administration must do its part with a \$1 billion five-year commitment to GPE. At this critical moment in global history, a bold pledge will show that the U.S. is committed to working hand-in-hand with the global community to ensure every child can achieve their dreams and reach their potential.

— **Dogan Ozkan**

Fairbanks

https://www.newsminer.com/opinion/letters_to_editor/supporting-education-for-all-children/article_69e76264-c030-11eb-ace1-d3fda48b2da9.html

Daily Sitka Sentinel

Education Funding

June 1, 2021

Dear Editor: Most Sitka families with school-age children would agree this school year has been challenging. However, we have been fortunate to have several options in Sitka. For families around the globe, the school day routine ground to a halt as COVID-19 surged. For children facing poverty or pushed to the margins, it has often meant no school at all.

Global Partnership for Education (GPE) and its partners have a bold plan to support up to 90 lower income countries and territories in transforming their education systems. This summer, the governments of Kenya and the UK are bringing global leaders together to help fund this \$5 billion plan. With full funding from 2021-2025, GPE and its partners will support schooling for 175 million more children. Education is both about getting children into the classroom and making sure they can learn and learn well once they get there. GPE supports both.

We are requesting our Congressman and Senators support a \$1 billion, five-year commitment to GPE. This will show that the U.S. is committed to working with the global community to help every child reach their potential. For information go to <https://results.org/>.

— **Michele Friedman, Mim McConnell, Bitsy Mosher, Donna Donohoe, Mary Soltis, Kari Sagel**

Sitka RESULTS

<http://sitkasentinel.com/7/2012-05-10-22-08-58/letters-to-the-editor/18656-june-1-2021-letter-to-the-editor>

Arizona Daily Star

A new normal

April 4, 2021

Re: the March 29 article "Relief from crematorium smoke expected as COVID dies down."

Sad statement about the problems with the increase in crematorium smoke from COVID deaths. Reminds me of AIDS deaths in Africa, so many they ran out of graveyard space and buried bodies on top of each other. Both of these events are/were a wakeup call to make sure our health care systems are powerful enough to avoid this in the future. The recent pandemic relief package focused on the COVID relief in America, the future: eradicating child poverty through increasing tax credits, and also provided a small amount (less than 1%) to the global battle against this global pandemic. Time to thank our members of Congress for this and encourage them to keep passing legislation that will insure America's new normal will be one of equity for all, with opportunity for every child, and strong enough to battle future pandemics.

— **Willie Dickerson**

Snohomish, WA

https://tucson.com/opinion/letters/letter-a-new-normal/article_6872ac56-93c4-11eb-bdad-13668e6b5118.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user

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EAST BAY TIMES

Disabled not priority for stimulus checks

March 25, 2021

In society when you become disabled like me, you at times find yourself dealing with people who can be unempathetic or dismissive of your needs. Our government showed us all on SSDI/SSI that we were not a priority by not giving any notice ahead of time that we would be last in receiving the third batch of stimulus checks.

We are already living on a small fixed income that barely covers the cost of living in the expensive Bay Area. For many who are forced to be on SSDI due to an illness, a handicap or other medical condition, life is already a struggle dealing with an illness or disability daily on top of a limited income.

Our government showed us once again that the disabled, sick and elderly were not a priority. We need our government to know we are suffering just as much as everyone else.

Chanel Falk

Oakland

<https://www.eastbaytimes.com/2021/03/24/letters-318/>

Marin Independent Journal

Pandemic has threatened global education initiative

June 2, 2021

At one point during the pandemic, almost every child on the planet was out of school and every parent was left to figure out a new daily reality. For many, this marked a transition to online or hybrid learning. But for many other children facing poverty, isolation or being pushed to the margins, it has meant no school at all.

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— Warren M. Gold

Mill Valley

<https://www.marinij.com/2021/06/01/marin-ij-readers-forum-for-june-2-2021/>

ENTERPRISE-RECORD

Prevent an education crisis

June 3, 2021

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America can and must lead this effort. At this critical moment in global history, a bold pledge of \$1 billion for five years will show that the U.S. is committed to working hand-in-hand with the global community to ensure every child can reach their potential.

— **Cara Warren**

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<https://www.chicoer.com/2021/06/03/letter-prevent-an-education-crisis/>



Educating kids everywhere

June 11, 2021

As we celebrate the graduations of the Class of 2021 and all our local students, we recognize their challenges and struggles created by COVID-19. For students globally, however, the pandemic was disastrous.

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Please join with me in urging Rep. Mike Garcia and other state representatives to support this important initiative.

— Jacqueline McLean-Jones

Together Women Rise, Simi Valley

<https://www.simivalleyacorn.com/articles/educating-kids-everywhere/>

Marin Independent Journal

Prioritize education for all, don't lose any more kids

July 5, 2021

Families around the globe have experienced the shift to primarily online learning as the COVID -19 pandemic restrictions surged. In Marin, the Novato Unified School District officials are reaching out to try and restore enrollment. Hopefully, the district will reach pre-pandemic rates within the next five months ("Novato school district expands effort to restore enrollment," June 27).

But for children facing poverty or pushed to the margins, it has often meant no school at all. I worry about a COVID-19 gap for all our kids, but those who are missing school while growing up in extremely poor households are missing out on opportunities that assist them and their communities.

Urgent action is needed so that the pandemic education crisis does not become a catastrophe for an entire generation. I have seen reports that more than 1.6 billion of the world's school-age children have had disruptions in their education during the pandemic. There is still time to remedy the situation, but the needed solutions must have support from the United States government.

Elected officials should pledge \$1 billion to the Global Partnership for Education initiative for the next five years. This would be the only public-private fund dedicated solely to education in lower-income countries. Please urge your congressional representatives and the president to authorize this funding.

— **Gail Dolson**

Corte Madera

<https://www.marinij.com/2021/07/04/marin-ij-readers-forum-for-july-5-2021/>

The Mercury News

Bipartisan initiatives could steady democracy

July 15, 2021

Ezra Klein's piece on the worries about our democracy ("Rest of the world is worried about American democracy," Page A6, July 2) makes sad sense.

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<https://www.mercurynews.com/2021/07/14/letters-461/>

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— **Ajshe Zulfi**

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NEW HAVEN REGISTER

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All children need access to quality education

June 8, 2021

COVID-19 has disrupted and changed how children attend school and learn. It's been a difficult year for students, teachers and parents.

Now imagine a child who lives in a country that might not have access to a classroom, books or online learning. The chance to achieve their dreams and reach their potential, most likely, never will come true.

However, there is a solution: it's the Global Partnership for Education (GPE). It is the only global partnership and fund dedicated solely to quality education in lower-income countries. Urgent action is needed so the COVID-19 education crisis does not become a catastrophe for an entire generation.

This summer, the governments of Kenya and the UK are bringing global leaders together to help fund a \$5 billion plan to support education.

Ninety countries and territories eligible for GPE support in 2021-2025 are home to more than 80 percent of the world's out-of-school children.

GPE and its partners now have a five-year investment plan to support child education in lower-income countries. This investment will educate 175 million children, lift 18 million people out of poverty, save 3 million lives and has helped partner countries enroll in additional 82 million girls in school.

A bold pledge will show that the United States is committed to working with the global community to ensure every child has the opportunity to learn.

From reduced poverty, to improved gender equality, to more peaceful and resilient communities, the ripple effects of our investment in GPE will benefit communities for generations.

I call on President Biden and our members of Congress to support this investment.

— **Betsy Suero Skipp,**

Miami

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CHICAGO SUN★TIMES

A pledge for education

May 31, 2021

At one point, almost every child on the planet was out of school and every parent was left to figure out a new daily reality. For many, this marked a transition to online or hybrid learning. But for many other children facing poverty, isolation or pushed to the margins, it has meant no school at all.

The education crisis brought on by COVID-19 threatens the historic progress made by communities globally to get millions more children in school. Urgent action is needed so that COVID-19 education crisis does not become a catastrophe for an entire generation.

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— **Greg Stawinoga**

South Holland

<https://chicago.suntimes.com/2021/5/31/22458419/parental-involvement-abortion-harm-education-covid-letters>



Make a bold pledge

To the Editor:

I commend Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker for the “all in for the win” vaccine lottery which will award \$7 million in cash prizes for adults 18 years of age and older, as well as \$3 million in scholarship awards for Illinoisans ages 12 to 17. (Vaccinated Illinoisans automatically entered into the \$10 million lottery, June 17, 2021).

Vaccination is helping reopen schools and minimize education disruption. However millions across the globe don't have access to vaccines and education. An estimated 1.5 billion children (80% of the world's school-age children) have experienced disruptions in their education due to COVID-19.

Urgent action is needed now to ensure the COVID-19 education crisis does not turn into a permanent catastrophe for an entire generation. The Global Partnership for Education (GPE) has a plan to help combat this crucial issue. As the only international fund of its kind, the GPE marshals global resources for national education plans in lower-income countries. Now, GPE and its partners have a five-year plan to support learning for millions of children in lower-income countries, helping build back better from the pandemic.

I urge President Biden's administration and our Members of Congress to make a bold pledge of at least \$200 million for each of the next five years. The U.S. can and must lead this effort and work hand-in-hand with the global community to ensure every child can reach their potential.

— **Raj Jaladi**

St. Louis

https://thesouthern.com/opinion/letters/voice-of-the-reader-make-a-bold-pledge/article_6cb6fa72-85b6-5cf3-952c-8e4a373947fa.html

Global education efforts need our support

May 14, 2021

When COVID-19 raced across the world, daily routines were interrupted, stopped in their tracks.

Kids were no longer racing to catch the school bus. Parents weren't racing off to work. Businesses shut down. Schools closed everywhere. Fortunately, in this country, educators were able to come up with creative ways to keep educating our children.

That was not true in many low-income countries. The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted education systems world-wide. Even before the pandemic, 75 million children in crisis- and conflict-affected countries needed support to access quality education.

Quality education is the right of every child, and the benefits go well beyond learning. When children learn, and learn well, they have the keys to a more just, prosperous and equal future. That is true in this country and around the world. And the benefits of education are paid forward to future generations.

The Global Partnership for Education (GPE) is the only public partnership exclusively focused on achieving quality education for all girls and boys. The GPE helps governments invest in innovative solutions to get all children in school. The GPE mobilizes funds in partnerships with wealthier countries to support lower-income countries' investments in education.

The GPE has been doing this transformative work for more than 20 years. Progress on education is increasingly under threat from the pandemic. Congress has supported the GPE in the past, but it is time to step up our pledge in the FY22 budget.

Ask our Senators Todd Young and Mike Braun and Rep. Trey Hollingsworth to support a robust pledge to the Global Partnership for Education. We know the far reaching importance of quality education in this country, but it is important in every country, creating a more stable and safe world for the future.

— **Diane Lindley**

Needham

http://www.dailyjournal.net/2021/05/14/letter_global_education_efforts_need_our_support/

THE KANSAS CITY STAR.

Teach them all

June 17, 2021

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Education around the world has deteriorated because of the COVID-19 pandemic. For years, children have not been provided well-rounded educations. This could ruin an entire generation. GPE, the Global Partnership for Education, fights every day to prevent this and helps to increase the success of children around the world.

The group's plan is to support child education in lower-income countries, aiding recovery from the pandemic. This investment could educate 175 million children, lift 18 million people out of poverty and save 3 million lives

America has the power to help. Our representatives in Congress need to act now by pledging support of \$1 billion for five years to GPE. This would show that the U.S. and our elected officials are committed to working with the global community to ensure all children can reach their potential.

— **Marta Richenberg**

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THE BALTIMORE SUN

Want to make a difference in our democracy? Get involved

By Sam Daily-Harris

July 2, 2021

Ron Waltemeyer, left, of Towson, Sara Tagget, of Ellicott City, and Donna Curley, center, of Ellicott City, speak to Representative John Sarbanes, right, and his Deputy Chief of Staff Dvora Lovinger, second from right, to promote suicide prevention, education and research as a part of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's annual advocacy forum in Washington, DC on Feb. 9. Waltemeyer, Tagget and Curley have all lost a child to suicide.

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As we enjoy fireworks and cookouts this Fourth of July weekend, we should also savor the gift of democracy and pay attention to the warnings of its unraveling.

While many believe our democracy is in decline, I'm not interested in bemoaning its collapse, but instead, pointing to one of the ways that each of us can help rebuild it: Engage regularly, directly, deeply and productively with our elected officials.

I know, I can already see the eyes rolling, but let me explain.

More than 40 years of experience as a democracy activist have shown me that while most people believe they can't make a difference with their voices as citizens, I've seen that we actually can, but it must start with a serious effort to build people's confidence.

These are steps essential to building confidence. Find an organization that is 1.) committed to dissolving your powerlessness, 2.) centered on providing you with new skills and 3.) focused on encouraging you to move out of your comfort zone. That's right, confidence grows when you're encouraged to do something you thought you couldn't do and surprise yourself when you make it happen.

But finding such an organization isn't easy. Several years ago, I spoke with the head of organizing for a very large nonprofit group who said, "We can't let our volunteers write letters to the editor or op-eds because they'll get it wrong and misrepresent the organization." That's how most organizations operate. So much for building confidence. Organizations that are afraid their volunteers will screw things up contribute to our civic dysfunction and to the fraying of our democracy.

Here's a better way. Citizens' Climate Lobby is a 14-year-old advocacy organization whose website reads: "Our solution to climate change? Democracy. And we need you on our team." In 2020, its members had more than 4,000 letters to the editor, op-eds and editorials published, up from 65 pieces published in 2010. Growing to more than 4,000 published pieces is an exercise in building confidence. Their volunteers also had more than 1,700 congressional meetings last year. If each meeting had an average of six people attending, that's more than 10,000 confidence boosts.

But does any of this make a difference? Does a renewal of civic engagement amount to anything? During the first 100 days of the Biden administration, volunteers from the anti-poverty lobby RESULTS had more than 300 congressional meetings. They've lobbied each year since 1984 on child survival, and, as a result, helped global child death rates plummet from 41,000 a day in the early 1980s to 14,520 a day in 2018. For the last 19 years they've lobbied for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Over that same period the Global Fund and its partners have saved 38 million lives.

Some groups help you register to vote and cast your ballot every two years. Others can help you engage with elected officials, week-in and week-out and do so directly, deeply and productively, groups like Citizens' Climate Lobby, RESULTS, Catholic Relief Services, Friends Committee On National Legislation and American Promise.

But finding the right organization isn't enough to make it work, you also have to connect to your life's purpose. Without a desire to live a life of purpose, these steps will seem like an exercise in futility.

July Fourth is a perfect time realize that our democracy is in trouble and that there are things that each of us can do to fix it. We can engage regularly, directly, deeply and productively with our elected officials, but only if we find an organization committed to dissolving our powerlessness and only if we are serious about answering this question: What do I want my life to be used for?

Sam Daley-Harris (sam@empoweringcitizens365.org) is the founder of the anti-poverty lobby RESULTS and of Civic Courage and the author of "Reclaiming Our Democracy: Healing the Break between People and Government."

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The Berkshire Eagle

We must support educating children everywhere

June 7, 2021

To the editor: As graduations begin to take place, it's easy to forget that many of our students have been unable to keep up during the pandemic.

In rural communities like ours, many needed to sit outside publicly established Wi-Fi hotspots to attend classes. And others had no adult present and able to help them with remote classes. This digital divide has increased our educational inequities. But what about the world at large?

At some point during the pandemic, 1.6 billion children were out of school. Many will never return. The Global Partnership for Education has spent two decades building resilient education systems in lower-income countries. They invested \$500 million in emergency COVID-19 support to develop curriculum for radio, provide internet access and deliver lessons house-to-house. With full funding in 2021-2025, GPE will support schooling for 175 million more children. Our futures depend on an educated populace to build a more prosperous and sustainable world.

That is why I am asking our legislators to support an appropriation of \$150 million to GPE this year. Foreign aid represents less than 1 percent of the entire U.S. federal budget. In comparison, \$686 billion was spent on national defense in fiscal year 2019 — 15 percent of the federal budget. Isn't diplomacy in the form of support for education a much better choice?

— **Leslye Heilig**

Great Barrington

https://www.berkshireeagle.com/opinion/letters_to_editor/letter-we-must-support-educating-children-everywhere/article_e3684168-c2f5-11eb-bbab-4358748b43a6.html

The Berkshire Eagle

Increase needed in vaccine production

July 22, 2021

To the Editor: Access to COVID-19 vaccines has allowed our community to reopen schools and businesses, and return to a sense of near-normalcy. Meanwhile, many countries in Africa are imposing new lockdowns to stop yet another wave of infections because they lack access to COVID-19 vaccines.

Vaccination is our pathway out of this pandemic, but there are not enough vaccines being produced quickly enough for everyone to have access. The unchecked spread of COVID-19 has devastated low and middle income countries. More dangerous variants are likely to follow, affecting all of us.

As a member of Results and Together Women Rise, I am very concerned about the ongoing impact of this on women and children all over the world. The current prediction is that 20 million girls will not return to school, decreasing their ability to succeed financially and emotionally.

I am asking our legislators to urge President Biden to allocate 25 billion dollars to increase the production and access to vaccines globally. None of us are safe until all of us are safe.

— **Michelle Krieg Bauer**

Pittsfield

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MISSOURIAN

Citizens should take greater roles in advocacy

March 17, 2021

Regarding “Congress should join global response to COVID-19 with improved funding” (Published March 4, 2021). Thanks to advocates like Cynthia Levin who raised their voices, and thanks to the Missourian for publishing citizen voices, which ultimately resulted in action.

Thanks to President Biden and our members of Congress for passing the COVID-19 Relief Bill. This bill not only provides stimulus checks to struggling Americans, an increase in rental assistance and child tax credit, but it also provides \$11 billion for a global response to the pandemic.

I urge more citizens to take an active role in our democracy, propose solutions to our members of Congress and use media as a platform for meaningful conversations that bring change.

— **Raj Jaladi**

Raj Jaladi is a freshman at Parkway West High School in St. Louis, and a group co-leader for RESULTS global poverty advocacy organization.

https://www.columbiamissourian.com/opinion/letters_to_the_editor/citizens-should-take-greater-roles-in-advocacy/article_18d33252-872f-11eb-9628-1f96e22d444b.html



Fighting pandemic globally promises a quicker end

March 20, 2021

Regarding "'COVID-seclusion' Alzheimer's deaths climbed as pandemic isolation took toll" (March 15): The news of the pandemic's toll on people suffering from Alzheimer's is extremely sad, and we need to take the right steps to end this soon.

President Joe Biden and our members of Congress deserve thanks for passing the coronavirus relief bill. This bill not only provides stimulus checks to struggling Americans, an increase in rental assistance, and a child tax credit, it also provides \$11 billion for a global response to the pandemic.

Fighting the virus globally is one of the right steps to end this pandemic, particularly given the surge of variants from other countries, and opening up air travel and international business. One year into the pandemic, we have finally included funding for global assistance, putting us on the road to end the pandemic and enabling us to visit and hug our parents and grandparents.

— **Raj Jaladi**

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Regarding Missouri's vaccination rollout

March 24, 2021

To the Editor:

Missouri is clearly struggling with vaccine distribution even as bad weather caused the cancellation of some distribution events. As frustrated as we are, we all need to remember these awful feelings of uncertainty, so we can empathize with vulnerable low-income countries dealing with poor access to vaccines in even the best of times. Our safety depends on their access to vaccines as well.

Many wealthy countries, including the U.S., ordered two to three times as many vaccines as required for their populations. Vaccine hoarding creates gross inequities and conditions for dangerous mutations. Now is the time to invest in effective programs well-placed to provide COVID-19 resources to low-income countries.

Congresswoman Ann Wagner, Sen. Roy Blunt, and Sen. Josh Hawley should urge congressional leadership to fight the pandemic worldwide by providing \$4 billion to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria as well as fully funding the Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator with \$4 billion. We need to join the global COVID-19 response to help others and protect ourselves.

— Cynthia Changyit Levin

Town and Country

<https://westnewsmagazine.com/2021/03/24/134619/letter-to-the-editor-regarding-missouris-vaccination-rollout>

MISSOURIAN

America needs to increase support for COVID-19 vaccines in developing nations

March 29, 2021

With the excitement surrounding the successful creation and distribution of the COVID-19 vaccination, America has launched into plans of getting every citizen vaccinated for coronavirus by July 4. But in the stages of a domestic health care breakthrough, it is easy to forget about the rest of the world. And this is something that shouldn't be forgotten about.

As our country, the United States of America, displays its hegemony over countries around the world, we have successfully shown that we are the leader of the free world and thereby have caused other countries to look up to us. As Americans, we are proud to be revered and looked upon as a leader. But that comes with responsibilities, correct?

One of America's avenues of progression consists of scientific breakthroughs. As we pour millions of dollars into the prevention of future illnesses and cures to ailments that seem impossible to stop, our country continues to make small discoveries that prove to be a large step. In the wake of the coronavirus outbreak, the world turned its attention to us in hopes that we could provide the answer that would give a possible end to this nightmare.

American pharmaceutical companies recently provided that answer. Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson's clearing of the COVID-19 vaccine has fortified America's health care systems in the upper echelon of the world. The scientific prowess of our country has allowed for citizens to protect themselves from coronavirus. Though vaccines are readily available to people in developed countries, it isn't as easy for individuals to protect themselves from illnesses.

Enter Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. Committed to the provision of vaccinations to people in low-income countries, specifically children, the organization has seen large success from its efforts.

Through specifically child immunizations, Gavi was able to help halve the childhood mortality rate, prevent more than 14 million future deaths and drive down the prevalence of infectious diseases, [according to its website](#). Gavi hopes to continue its success through providing the COVID-19 vaccine to children and adults in developing countries.

One of the mission statements of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is “all lives have equal value.” The foundation, also a partner of Gavi, correctly analyzes global health.

Every person has a natural human right to be healthy and survive. Who are we as a country to decide who doesn’t deserve the chance at better health care systems? If we have the resources and funds to give individuals in underdeveloped countries a fighting chance, we should engage in that opportunity correctly.

With our country being built on the American Dream, a phenomenon that has allowed many to rise to success from nothing, I think it is time that we begin to extend this opportunity to the world. Through increased funding toward global health, we can alleviate the burden of basic health care from a family in order to free up time for them to work toward success.

The United States took a step in the right direction this past December. In the passage of the December COVID-19 Relief Bill, Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance, was allocated \$4 billion dollars. This ensures millions in low-income countries will have access to a COVID-19 vaccine. This support is promising, but it is imperative that there is improved support in the future.

The Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria, a partner organization with Gavi and one that helps fund global health efforts, received \$3.5 billion dollars in the most recent COVID-19 relief bill. We as a nation are taking the necessary preliminary steps towards the improvement of global health, and we must ride these successes and keep our foot on the gas toward progress.

America should not rest until everyone around the world is provided with safety, care and healthiness.

— **Aashish Allu**

Aashish Allu is a junior at Lafayette High School and volunteers with the St. Louis chapter of RESULTS, a grassroots advocacy group working to end hunger and poverty.

https://www.columbiamissourian.com/opinion/guest_commentaries/america-needs-to-increase-support-for-covid-19-vaccines-in-developing-nations/article_04fba64a-8db2-11eb-9465-ffd2077e61b6.html?fbclid=IwAR2qGigRfnHXcJrdBSDPmx9xpfP6V1tMvOI5_Q1CSILif4c72x8gSQFJv5s

THE KANSAS CITY STAR.

GLOBAL GOOD

April 23, 2021

I have read recent coverage of the increased rollout of COVID-19 vaccines in Missouri with relief. Along with increased eligibility, we're also seeing increased appointment availability, so more of us can have protection against the coronavirus.

Our darkest days are nearing an end as we enter a new pandemic phase. But the desperation we felt during this outbreak was comparable to the stress of people in low-income countries without access to immunizations Americans consider ordinary, such as measles shots. The measles and rubella vaccine costs less than \$2 per child, yet in 2019, measles deaths surged to 207,500 because of declining vaccination rates in many countries. The pandemic only drove this number higher last year.

Even after your second COVID-19 vaccine, hang onto your frustration in solidarity with families around the world still needing routine immunizations, and take action. Reach out to Sens. Roy Blunt and Josh Hawley, as well as Reps. Emanuel Cleaver and Sam Graves. Urge them to fully fund global childhood immunization programs in the federal budget, including \$290 million for Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, and \$134 million for UNICEF.

Everyone in the world wants to be free of disease and fear.

— **Cynthia Levin**

Town and Country, Missouri

<https://www.kansascity.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article250668634.html>

We must support educating children, everywhere

June 23, 2021

At one point, almost every child on the planet was out of school and every parent was left to figure out a new daily reality. For many, this marked a transition to online or hybrid learning. But for many other children facing poverty, isolation, or pushed to the margins, it has meant no school at all. The education crisis brought on by COVID-19 threatens the historic progress made by communities globally to get millions more children in school. Urgent action is needed so the COVID-19 education crisis does not become a catastrophe for an entire generation.

As the only international fund of its kind, the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) marshals global resources for national education plans. Now, GPE and its partners have a five-year plan to support learning for 175 million more children in lower-income countries, helping recovery from the pandemic.

The Biden Administration must do its part with a \$1 billion five-year commitment to GPE. At this critical moment in global history, a bold pledge will show that the U.S. is committed to working hand-in-hand with the global community to ensure every child can achieve their dreams and reach their potential.

— Amy Morros

St. Louis City

http://www.stlamerican.com/reader_interaction/letters_to_the_editor/we-must-support-educating-children-everywhere/article_d37a21ca-d3ff-11eb-96b2-f7890f0adf91.html

Pandemic still globally impacting children's education

June 29, 2021

Regarding "Masks off for summer in some St. Louis area school districts" (June 14): As a student of Parkway School District, I cannot thank our schools enough for their leadership in juggling the unique challenges, facing heated debates and making difficult decisions to protect us from the pandemic.

However, this situation is far from reality for students in many countries across the globe. An estimated 1.5 billion children are out of school around the world because of the pandemic. This is six times the 258 million children who were out of school prior to the pandemic. Urgent action is needed so the pandemic education crisis does not become a catastrophe for an entire generation.

The Global Partnership for Education is an international fund that marshals global resources to support child education in lower-income countries and is currently aiding recovery from the pandemic. The U.S. can and must lead this effort and work hand-in-hand with the global community to ensure all children can reach their potential. Reps. Ann Wagner and Cori Bush should support House Resolution 225, and Sens. Roy Blunt and Josh Hawley should co-sponsor Senate Resolution 240 in support of the Global Partnership for Education.

— Raj Jaladi

Creve Coeur

https://www.stltoday.com/opinion/mailbag/letter-pandemic-still-globally-impacting-childrens-education/article_130afce3-ceac-50f0-8e34-fd171aec5ad5.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share



Opportunity to question candidates

July 7, 2021

Great to see our democracy at work with the recent census giving Montana a second representative in the House. ("Democrat Monica Tranel running for state's new U.S. House seat," by Holly Michaels, Missoulian, July 7.)

For the people, it is an opportunity to ask questions of the candidate: Do you support America's role in global health by helping to fund the Global Partnership for Education? What would you do to end homelessness? Do you support increasing the funding for the Housing Voucher Program so more than current one-fourth of Americans who qualify will receive housing vouchers?

In this way it is easier to make informed choices and hold the victor to their promises after the election.

— **Willie Dickerson**

Snohomish, Washington

https://missoulian.com/opinion/letters/online-only-letter-to-the-editor-opportunity-to-question-candidates/article_726738b7-e2a2-5db1-bac5-4856f6f40546.html#tncms-source=login



Empower women, make a difference

March 24, 2021

What a fabulous way to celebrate Women's History Month: "helping empower girls and women to succeed," as suggested by Lisa Levine in the March 17 column "See it, believe it, become it."

One of the most empowering paths is education, in our country and around the world. Among the organizations most effectively doing advocacy work to empower women and girls is Results (results.org). It is currently working to make permanent the increases to the Child Tax Credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit passed in the latest pandemic relief package. This would significantly cut poverty, which too often affects women.

On the global level, Results volunteers are asking Congress to increase support of the Global Partnership for Education, helping low-income countries increase the quality and quantity of education, especially for girls. So find your way to help empower girls, women and yourself and make a difference in the process.

— **Willie Dickerson**

Snohomish, Wash.

<https://lasvegassun.com/news/2021/mar/24/empower-women-make-a-difference/>



Show children how we can lead

June 8, 2021

The June 4 editorial “For the sake of our children, it’s time for American adults to grow up,” calling for the adults in our country to set a positive example for the kids, was excellent.

This starts with Congress working together to battle the hunger and homelessness far too many children face. The Child Tax Credit was increased temporarily, with the power to cut child poverty in half if it is made permanent. This would be a great place for Congress to start, then move on to the housing crisis that is driving more families into homelessness. It’s no wonder, since our housing voucher program is only funded for 25% of those who qualify.

At the same time, America can show how important it is to help others by making a \$1 billion pledge over the next five years to the Global Partnership for Education, putting 175 million more kids in school.

We can help by contacting our members of Congress and asking them to step up to pass these and other initiatives that will not only set the example for our kids, but showcase America’s working democracy.

— Willie Dickerson

Snohomish, Wash.

<https://lasvegassun.com/news/2021/jun/08/show-children-how-we-can-lead/>



Investment in schools needed

June 10, 2021

The education crisis brought on by COVID-19 threatens historic progress made by communities globally to get millions more children in school. Urgent action is needed so the crisis does not become a catastrophe for an entire generation.

As the only international fund of its kind, the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) marshals global resources for national education plans. GPE and its partners now have a five-year, \$5 billion plan to support child education in lower-income countries, aiding recovery from the pandemic. This investment will educate 175 million children, lift 18 million people out of poverty, and save 3 million lives.

America can and must lead this effort. At this critical moment in global history, a bold pledge of \$1 billion for five years will show that the U.S. is committed to working with the global community to ensure all children can reach their potential.

— Kathleen Close

Las Vegas

<https://lasvegassun.com/news/2021/jun/10/investment-in-schools-needed/>

COVID is not the only pandemic

April 26, 2021

Massive efforts to develop new vaccines and put them in people's arms are protecting more and more Americans from the COVID pandemic.

However, many countries around the world, increasingly overwhelmed by COVID-19, simply do not have the resources to fight it, at least on their own. In fact, this is not the only pandemic they face.

Americans might be surprised that the deadliest infection in much of the world is still tuberculosis (TB). Between 2015 and 2019, TB infection dropped by 9% and deaths decreased by 14%. But now, as funding and medical personnel are diverted to fight the newest pandemic, over a decade of progress against TB, especially drug-resistant variants, is slipping away.

True, this is not a disease that greatly affects privileged populations in the global north—not currently anyway. But does that justify neglecting millions of lives that could be saved if Congress has the political will to fund such a vital, longterm global health priority?

The same goes for pandemic effects on education and hunger. Research indicates that COVID-19 has set back the education of about 80% of the world's school-aged children. It has also driven around 150 million additional people into extreme poverty, which means millions more children will be malnourished and permanently harmed.

By providing sufficient resources in next year's budget, Congress could strengthen education and healthcare systems globally and save countless lives. In addition to substantial appropriations to fight COVID-19, robust funding towards TB control,

global education, and global nutrition is needed to save lives and truly demonstrate America's global leadership.

I call on Senators Cory Booker and Bob Menendez, and my Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman, to be bold in taking on the devastating pandemics sweeping the world. Thank you for your leadership and please continue to champion funding levels that will truly make a difference.

— **Alice Feng**

RESULTS NJ Delaware Valley Chapter Advocate

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<https://centraljersey.com/2021/04/26/opinion-covid-is-not-the-only-pandemic/>



Federal financial lifelines important

May 8, 2021

Editor:

I have a great interest in how my tax dollars are spent and so I turn to Congressional Representative Elise Stefanik and ask her to lead her Republican colleagues in support of the Earned Income Tax Credit as well as the Child Tax Credit. Tax and housing policy can cut child poverty over 50%. With housing and food security, children do better in school and are healthier. The EITC and CTC are financial lifelines for families working in low-wage jobs. Together, they lifted 7.5 million Americans above the poverty line in 2019. Unfortunately, an estimated 27 million children in low-income families do not receive the full CTC because their parents' earnings are too low. Expansion of SNAP (food stamps) and tax credits will go a long way to help people lift themselves and their families out of poverty.

I feel really happy when I hear from my friends how Section 8 vouchers or tax credits have made the difference in being housed or homeless, able to buy nutritious food for their kids, have some breath and space in their lives.

I support a permanent expansion of EITC, CTC and SNAP in upcoming tax or economic recovery legislation.

Finally, I want to thank the congresswoman for her support of funding global nutrition programs in our foreign aid budget.

— Susan Oehser

Bakers Mills

https://poststar.com/opinion/letters/letter-to-the-editor-federal-financial-lifelines-important/article_697a5e8e-b3f8-5814-baa8-ef7f7448900d.html

THE BUFFALO NEWS

America must act to ensure global educational opportunity

June 3, 2021

The May 27 headline in The Buffalo News: “Cuomo says schools can open fully in fall.” While students in Western New York prepare for and others return to in-school learning, millions of children around the world are struggling to get even a basic education. Covid-19 has wreaked havoc on even the strongest education systems. Every child has the right to a quality education. When children can learn, and learn well, they have keys to a more just, prosperous and equal future.

At the peak of the pandemic, 1.6 billion of the world’s children were out of school – and many are at risk of never returning. Urgent action is needed now to ensure the Covid-19 education crisis does not turn into a permanent catastrophe for an entire generation. The Global Partnership for Education (GPE) marshals global resources for national education plans. GPE and its partners now have a five-year, \$5 billion plan to support learning for 175 million more children in lower-income countries, helping communities to recover from the pandemic. The U.S. must do our part to support this effort with a bold pledge of \$1 billion spread over the next five years. Urge your representatives to Congress to take action on this issue.

— Bruce Davidson

Group Leader, RESULTS Buffalo; East Amherst

https://buffalonews.com/opinion/letters/letter-america-must-act-to-ensure-global-educational-opportunity/article_2feb1cb6-c3c5-11eb-bbe3-475521a417e8.html



We must help vaccinate the world

July 13, 2021

Editor:

This summer, I am filled with joy and gratitude to be able to travel to visit my family across the country. Access to COVID-19 vaccines has allowed our community to reopen schools and businesses and return to a sense of near-normalcy. Meanwhile, many countries in Africa are imposing new lockdowns to stop a third wave of COVID-19 infections, because they lack access to COVID-19 vaccines.

Vaccination is our pathway out of this pandemic, but there are not enough vaccines being produced quickly enough so that everyone has access. The unchecked spread of COVID-19 is devastating low-income countries, and will generate additional dangerous variants, which is bad for all of us.

President Biden, we need your leadership to urgently boost global manufacturing of vaccines, including using your authority to compel companies to share taxpayer-funded vaccine innovation with the world in order to ramp up manufacturing so that everyone will have access quickly.

— Susan Oehser

Bakers Mills

https://poststar.com/opinion/letters/letter-to-the-editor-we-must-help-vaccinate-the-world/article_9547695a-71a9-5d55-a1e0-9b69b6481f30.html

Every child deserves an education

July 21, 2021

My grandparents immigrated from Italy, and neither of my grandmothers could read or write. My mother, the eldest of five children, was forced to leave school at the age of 14 to help support her family in the early 1930s. I was the first female in my family to attend college, and I have a master's degree in elementary education.

I'm telling you this because it's clear to me that education is the access to opportunity and fulfillment of potential. It also makes possible the building of wealth — as a single woman, I am the owner of a house on Staten Island, building on the wealth of my parents. Education is the key to a more just, prosperous and equal future for today's young people.

Today's generation of young people is the largest ever, and 9 out of 10 live in low-income countries. Even before the pandemic, there were 250 million children not in school. The pandemic has been the largest disruption to education in history, and unfortunately, not all children will return to school, especially young girls. Twenty million secondary school girls are at risk of dropping out. Many will be forced into child marriages. Girls deprived of education are deprived of opportunities and dreams.

The Global Partnership for Education (GPE) is the largest global fund solely dedicated to transforming education in low income countries and providing a quality education. Since 2002, 160 million more children have attended school with GPE support, more than half of whom are girls. GPE works with countries with the greatest need. In 2019, 76% of GPE funding went to countries affected by conflict and fragility. Countries applying for grants from the GPE must show a commitment to education in their own national budgets, and there is a high degree of accountability.

On July 28 and July 29, the United Kingdom and Kenya will host a replenishment conference for the GPE for 2021-2025. The Global Partnership for Education's strategy for the next five years is set to enable 175 million kids to attend school in over 90 low income countries, 88 million more than would be otherwise possible. GPE estimates that its investments over the next 5 years will lift 18 million people

out of poverty, and prevent 2 million girls from being forced into child marriages. The estimated cost of this five-year plan is \$5 billion, not a huge sum when put in the context of the global economy.

The U.S. needs to support this goal with a pledge of no less than \$1 billion over five years. U.S. leadership with a pledge in this amount will encourage other countries (such as Britain, Germany, Canada, Switzerland and Japan) to also step up with pledges that will make the goals of the GPE possible. To quote Malala Yousafzai, “If we are spending billions of dollars on bombs, why not spend on pens, on books, on teachers.” Many of us take the ability to read for granted. One of the things I am happiest about in my life is that I have taught hundreds of children to become good readers and critical thinkers. Let’s give every child on the planet the opportunity to learn to read.

— Joanne DiDato

Port Richmond Center

(Joanne DiDato, of Port Richmond Center, is a retired elementary school teacher who taught at P.S. 4 on Staten Island. For 35 years, she has been an active volunteer with RESULTS, a citizens’ lobby group dedicated to ending poverty.)

<https://www.silive.com/opinion/columns/2021/07/every-child-deserves-an-education-opinion.html>



Let's be smarter about foreign policy

May 30, 2021

The U.S. is winding down nearly two decades of war efforts in Afghanistan. Sadly, after spending nearly \$2 trillion and losing countless lives, we really haven't accomplished much. We need to be smarter about combatting extremism, using all three legs of our foreign policy: diplomacy, defense and development. Looking at recent attacks by the Taliban should give us a clue. Have they attacked strategic military targets? Weakened Afghan forces? No, they've attacked schools. What is it about the power of the pen and educated girls that so threatens them? We've seen the same thing in Nigeria with Boko Haram.

Perhaps we should shift strategies and invest more in development, ensuring that quality education is available to all. It would be more effective and it would certainly be cheaper. We can take step in this direction by supporting the Global Partnership for Education (GPE)—they work in resource-poor settings and support education in conflict zones. Senators Tillis and Burr and Representative Cawthorn should get behind a bold U.S. pledge for the July GPE replenishment conference.

— Ken Patterson

Asheville

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Citizen Times

We must keep education front and center

June 13, 2021

Rarely does a day pass when you can't find something in the Citizen Times focused on education. In recent days we've seen pieces on the reduction in funding from the county (May 26), closing of Asheville Primary (May 26), the need for North Carolina to provide more equitable education (May 26), expanding pre-school in Buncombe County (May 27), and protests outside the Buncombe County School Board meetings (June 5).

Why so much coverage of education? Because we all know the importance of education in the lives of our children and our communities. If we fail to provide quality education, the region will fail. Our residents will not have the skills and learning aptitude needed to work higher-level, good-paying jobs, which will cause businesses to locate elsewhere, and people to move away. The ceaseless coverage of education is needed and appreciated, particularly given that NC has some of the biggest educational achievement gaps in the country between low-income and other students.

The bottom line is we cannot afford to shortchange education or allow gaps in quality to exist due to race and income. We also cannot afford to avoid teaching the truth about the history of oppression and discrimination in our state or country, even if it's embarrassing. The quality of education we offer each of our children will dictate their future and the future and prosperity of our community. Our people are our greatest asset, and we must ensure that every child has a quality education, even if it means spending more and targeting investment toward those who have historically been discriminated against or left out.

And as we think about the kind of community we want to live in, and the role education plays in creating it, we must not forget that 1.6 billion children around the world have been out of school at some point during the pandemic, and that most children living in poorer countries have had little or no access to remote learning. This continues to be true as lowincome countries preserve social distancing practices because they have little or no access to COVID- 19 vaccines either.

In many low-income countries, schools provide more than just education; they provide food and nutrition, safety, and psychosocial support. What will the lives of these children, denied education, look like? What options will they have? Will their countries be able to participate in the global economy? And if they can't, what kind of desperation will result? History tells us that desperation typically leads to vulnerability, instability, and extremism. That's not good for anyone.

But the global education story during the pandemic has not been all bad. Thankfully, the Global Partnership for Education (GPE), an organization the U.S. supports, jumped into action at the beginning of the pandemic, investing \$500 million in emergency COVID-19 support to low-income countries to develop educational curriculum for radio, provide internet access where was none, and support house-to-house delivery of lessons and homework. Though it is fortunate that GPE was able to act immediately, they have depleted their resources, and their investment is only a fraction of what is needed.

GPE has a replenishment conference in July where they are seeking \$5 billion from donor governments, foundations, and private enterprise to fund a five-year plan to support 90 countries to expand access to quality education. GPE estimates they can leverage the \$5 billion to provide quality education to 175 million students and get an additional 88 million children in school. They estimate these efforts will lead to 2 million fewer child marriages, lift 18 million people out of poverty, save 3 million lives, and add \$164 billion to partner economies. This is good for the children, their countries, and the U.S.

If we fail to help children in poor settings get back on track with their education, we risk losing a generation of students that will have limited opportunities in the future. Senator Thom Tillis recently signaled support for increasing funding for GPE in fiscal year 2022. He is right. But the N.C. congressional delegation should do more. Senators Tillis and Richard Burr, and Reps. Madison Cawthorn, Virginia Foxx, and Patrick McHenry should call on the Biden Administration to make a meaningful U.S. pledge at the July GPE replenishment conference. A U.S. pledge will send a signal to other countries to do their part and help GPE do the important work of creating opportunity, stability, and peace through education.

This is a critical moment to prioritize education in our community, state, and in low-income countries. Our future depends upon it.

— **Ken Patterson**

Asheville

Ken Patterson is director of Grassroots Impact for Results.org, a movement of passionate, committed everyday people working to end poverty.

<https://www.citizen-times.com/story/opinion/2021/06/13/opinion-imperative-we-keep-education-front-and-center/7606854002/> or https://ashevillecitizentimes-nc.newsmemory.com/?publink=27ef24866_1345dd9



We must support educating children everywhere

June 14, 2021

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America can and must lead this effort. At this critical moment in global history, a bold pledge of \$1 billion for five years will show that the U.S. is committed to working hand-in-hand with the global community to ensure every child can reach their potential.

— Gerard Stamm

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US should commit to working on global education

June 23, 2021

In N.C. and across the U.S., COVID is easing and life is returning to normal. Although we have suffered greatly, we kept our economy afloat and the vast majority of children continued their education. Around the world many countries were or still are harder hit. The impacts of school closures and the social/economic impacts of COVID have increased disparities in education. Worldwide, 1.5 billion children are out of school, approximately 6X more than before COVID. They risk falling behind or permanently stopping their education. According to UNICEF, 90% of countries adopted some form of digital/remote learning. Almost 1/3 of schoolchildren worldwide (463 million) cannot be reached by broadcast or Internet remote learning. In response to COVID, Global Partnership for Education mobilized a rapid, largest-ever emergency response to prevent loss of learning. GPE is the largest provider of education grants in the global COVID response and distributed \$500 million to partner countries.

The stakes have never been higher for the U.S. to show a new level of commitment on global education. At the GPE replenishment conference in July, we call on the White House to make a \$1 billion five-year commitment. This pledge will show the U.S. is committed to working with the global community to ensure every child can achieve their dreams and reach their potential. Contact your members of Congress to urge their support.

— **Howard Berkowitz**

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Let's give kids around the world access to education

June 2, 2021

Hates off to Rep. Ricki Ruiz for his advocacy and call for the Oregon state Legislature to pass the Civic Education Act (Senate bill 513) addressing the need for students to learn about and empathize with people of different cultures, races, creeds and color and to extend that concern to students around the globe. ("Civic education makes our democracy stronger" in the Portland Tribune, May 12, 2021.) Let's extend that empathy to students around the globe.

Now with the added burden of the pandemic, millions of students in economically-disadvantaged countries do not have access to education. Now, 1.6 billion of the world's children are out of school. Many of these students, often girls and the most vulnerable, are at risk of never returning. In caring for other global cultures, the Global Partnership for Education is gathering global resources to help prevent this. Currently, the GPE, with partners like America, are planning for 175 more children from lower-income countries to be in school over the next five years. If we pledge \$200 million for each of the next five years, American leadership can inspire other donors, and help millions of children reach their potential. Let's ask our members of Congress and the president to make the dream of education possible for children everywhere.

— Janet Brumbaugh

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Thank you

June 30, 2021

Thanks to the photographer who chronicled the recent graduation at Hood River Valley High, from the rainbow portend to hats in the air celebrating (PHOTO GALLERY: Hood River Valley High School graduation in the Columbia Gorge News, June 17).

Americans are lucky to have such educational opportunities, not so around the world. With COVID, 1.6 billion children were out of school, many still waiting to restart.

Fortunately the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) is partnering with low income countries to turn that around. The GPE mobilized \$500 million to help countries during the pandemic to keep kids learning, like a radio school program in Zambia. The GPE's new five year plan will put 175 million more children in school for the first time.

An American pledge of \$1 billion over five years will inspire other donors to contribute the other 80% of the money needed.

We can help by calling our members of Congress (202-224-3121), asking them to support this pledge. It will give millions of children the opportunity to graduate like the Hood River students, going on to healthier, happier, and more productive lives.

— **Willie Dickerson**

Snohomish, Wash.

https://www.columbiagorgenews.com/opinion/your-voice-june-30-2021/article_a7d17c64-d920-11eb-9a9c-f3292399e820.html

TIMES LEADER

Biden administration must support Global Partnership for Education

June 2, 2021

At one point, almost every child on the planet was out of school and every parent was left to figure out a new daily reality. For many, this marked a transition to online or hybrid learning. But for many other children facing poverty, isolation or pushed to the margins, it has meant no school at all.

The education crisis brought on by COVID-19 threatens the historic progress made by communities globally to get millions more children in school. Urgent action is needed so the COVID-19 education crisis does not become a catastrophe for an entire generation.

As the only international fund of its kind, the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) marshals global resources for national education plans. Now, GPE and its partners have a 5-year plan to support learning for 175 million more children in lower-income countries, helping recovery from the pandemic.

The Biden Administration must do its part with a \$1 billion 5-year commitment to GPE. At this critical moment in global history, a bold pledge will show that the U.S. is committed to working hand-in-hand with the global community to ensure every child can achieve their dreams and reach their potential.

— Mark Skevofilax

Dallas

<https://www.timesleader.com/opinion/letters/1495119/biden-administration-must-support-global-partnership-for-education>

Greenville News

Why SC lawmakers should support funding for global education initiative?

June 20, 2021

The U.S. is winding down nearly two decades of war efforts in Afghanistan. Sadly, after spending nearly \$2 trillion and losing countless lives, we haven't accomplished much. We need to be smarter about combatting extremism, using all three legs of our foreign policy: diplomacy, defense, and development. Looking at recent attacks by the Taliban should give us a clue. Have they attacked strategic military targets? Weakened Afghan forces? No, they've attacked schools. What is it about the power of the pen and educated girls that so threatens them? We've seen the same thing in Nigeria with Boko Haram.

Perhaps we should shift strategies and invest more in development, ensuring that quality education is available to all. It would be more effective and it would certainly be cheaper. We can take a step in this direction by supporting the Global Partnership for Education (GPE)—they work in resource-poor settings and support education in conflict zones. Senators Tim Scott and Lindsey Graham and Congressman William Timmons should get behind a bold U.S. pledge for the July GPE replenishment conference.

— **Tameica Jones**

Greer

<https://www.greenvilleonline.com/restricted/?return=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.greenvilleonline.com%2Fstory%2Fopinion%2F2021%2F06%2F19%2Fletter-why-sc-lawmakers-should-back-funding-global-education%2F5294270001%2F>

OAK RIDGER

Support global education

June 10, 2021

To the Editor:

This is the time when students, teachers and even parents were looking forward to graduation and the end of the school year. I appreciate that The Oak Ridger keeps us informed about the School Board's plans and budget priorities with local, state and federal funding for the next school year. Education is a good investment of our tax dollars.

The Global Partnership for Education helps lower-income countries create and implement their own education plans. Donor funds and creative financing supplement the major portion of funding coming locally from the recipient country. The country plan coordinates efforts and GPE's economy of scale helps drive down overall costs while putting millions more kids in school and learning.

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— **Anne Child**

Oak Ridge

<https://www.oakridger.com/story/opinion/2021/06/08/letters-support-global-education-oak-ridge-global-partnership-educatio/7602604002/>



U.S. should give generously to Global Partnership for Education

June 14, 2021

As the Knox County Schools makes plans for next year, I appreciate that they are considering the safety of the students. In Nigeria, students have been kidnapped. In Afghanistan, female students have been attacked and killed. These kids want and deserve to learn. Education promises a brighter future for them and the world.

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Oak Ridge

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The Dallas Morning News

Fund tuberculosis research

March 24, 2021

Tuberculosis is an infectious disease caused by the bacteria mycobacterium tuberculosis. It is an airborne disease that spreads via respiratory droplets that usually affects the lungs. Over the past 200 years, TB has killed more people than malaria, cholera, yellow fever, the bubonic plague, influenza, polio, Ebola and HIV combined.

However, to this day, there is no new vaccine for tuberculosis. The only TB vaccine available is called BCG, fully developed in 1921, exactly 100 years ago. It has very poor efficacy in preventing pulmonary TB.

Considering the speed of development of multiple COVID-19 vaccines, this raises the question of why TB care and prevention are so neglected. Half to two-thirds of tuberculosis programs report service disruptions due to COVID-19 and failure to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 would cause a loss in years of progress.

A troubling decline in new TB cases is being reported during country lockdowns with a rise in undetected cases. This is a great opportunity to make a change in the world.

In light of World TB Day, which is today, I am urging Sens. John Cornyn and Ted Cruz to pass legislation including \$1 billion for bilateral tuberculosis research.

— **Amelie Jacobs**

Dallas

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Almost there

April 15, 2021

Regrading “Hotez: We’ll be ‘close’ to normal by summer,” (A27, April 11): Dr. Peter Hotez’s remarks were, as always, hopeful and inspiring, especially his description of the efforts at Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children’s Hospital to develop an inexpensive yet effective vaccine. His vaccine can provide the billions of doses that will be needed to vaccinate the populations of places that are lagging behind because “science policymakers didn’t put enough attention into expanding that portfolio to make available simple, durable, low-cost vaccines.”

Hotez both reminds us of how lucky we are to live in a country where science is on the road to triumph over the deadly COVID-19 virus, and inspires us with his dedication to finding the means to vaccinate the rest of the world.

To be truly safe in our home countries, the U.S. and other wealthy countries must step up to be sure that COVID-19 is eradicated in every nation. COVID-19 doesn’t recognize national boundaries. This pandemic is truly a case where we can and must help ourselves by helping others.

President Joe Biden and Congress must step up to support Hotez as he fights COVID-19 everywhere in order to win the fight at home, and to let Hotez finally get a well-deserved good night’s sleep!

— **Claudia Morgan**

Houston

<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/opinion/letters/article/Opinion-Don-t-fund-the-lke-Dike-16097941.php>

Austin American-Statesman

Global programs to fight tuberculosis need funding

April 22, 2021

Re: April 16 article, "Blinken seeks another \$2B for UN vaccine effort."

Last year, my 82-year-old grandmother was diagnosed with tuberculosis. For 6 months, she suffered from the effects of respiratory issues and extreme fatigue. Luckily, she recovered.

Unfortunately, not so many are as lucky as my grandmother. In 2019 alone, there were a reported [1,159 tuberculosis cases in Texas](#) and [1.2 million deaths globally](#). I am urging Rep. Pete Sessions to sign the "[Dear Colleague Letter](#)" to support \$225 million to help eliminate tuberculosis in the U.S. and \$1 billion to fight against tuberculosis across the world. This funding will help support the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and U.S. Agency for International Development programs on the research, treatment, and prevention of tuberculosis infection and drug-resistant tuberculosis.

In Friday's Austin-American Statesman, Anthony Blinken advocated for funding for coronavirus vaccines to poor countries. We must work in alliance with these programs to help eliminate the pandemic of tuberculosis and to protect all our grandmothers.

— **Peter Kim**

Austin

<https://www.statesman.com/story/opinion/letters/2021/04/22/austin-american-statesman-letters-editor-april-22-2021/7290630002/>

The Dallas Morning News

Gateses are inspiring

May 6, 2021

Re: "Bill, Melinda Gates announce divorce — Couple's joint statement goes out to 57 million followers on Twitter," Tuesday Metro & Business story.

What sad news about the Gateses' marriage. They and their foundation have made such a monumental difference in the world saving lives and lifting people out of poverty.

As an advocate for ending global poverty, our local Results group dissects their annual letter about the state of global health and gender equality issues. We always learn from it. *The Dallas Morning News* selection of Melinda Gates as the 2020 Texan of the Year was a well-deserved recognition.

The pandemic has set global health progress back decades. It has also made Americans realize the importance of investing, if not for moral reasons then for our national security. A pandemic knows no borders.

We can all ask Texas Sens. John Cornyn and Ted Cruz to sign letters of support for robust funding for global maternal and child health, nutrition and education currently circulating in the Senate. Be inspired by the work of Bill and Melinda and make your voice heard.

— **Margaret Smith**

Dallas/Turtle Creek

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Austin American-Statesman

Educating global citizens improves lives for everyone

May 8, 2021

Vaccinating the world's citizens protects us all. It is the moral and smart thing to do.

The situation is similar with education. Educated world citizens are healthier, earn more and are able purchase more U.S. products. However, progress on education everywhere is threatened by COVID-19.

The Global Partnership for Education has been helping low-income countries improve their education systems [since 2002](#), enrolling [160 million](#) more children in schools in partner countries. With a goal of assisting [90 countries in improving and expanding their schools, the Global Partnership for Education is asking donor countries to pledge \\$5 billion](#) over the next five years so schools in poor countries can recover from the problems COVID-19 caused and enroll an additional [175 million students](#).

The pandemic has shown that working together and assisting those in need improves life for everyone. The U.S. should pledge \$1 billion to the Global Partnership for Education.

— **Eloise Sutherland**

Austin

<https://www.statesman.com/story/opinion/letters/2021/05/08/austin-american-statesman-letters-editor-may-8-2021/4958371001/>

The Dallas Morning News

Don't shortchange schools

May 25, 2021

Re: "Plan would limit schools' aid spending — It requires setting aside funds; districts say help needed now," Thursday news story.

At a time when about 90% of kids around the world have seen their educations disrupted, the proposal from state Sen. Larry Taylor, R-Friendswood, to force school districts to set aside 40% of federal aid is troubling. As a middle school and high school tutor, I know how much our students have struggled. As a global education advocate, I know that quality education is instrumental to reducing poverty, improving health outcomes, stimulating economic development and building a stable and prosperous society.

Now is not the time to shortchange the next generation, but rather, the time for bold and transformative action to help build their resilience. So, I urge U.S. Sens. John Cornyn and Ted Cruz, and U.S. Rep. Beth Van Duyne to support initiatives like the Global Partnership for Education to invest in our collective hope for the future. Moreover, I urge Taylor to refrain from withholding necessary funds from Texas schools.

— **Hwa Young Lee**

Carrollton

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On supporting education

June 2, 2021

Reading the graduation speeches of WHS students, especially Mariel Camargo, I was reminded of just how wonderful it is to get an education. ('Waxahachie High School class of 2021 graduation speeches' in The Waxahachie Sun, May 31, 2021) America's educational opportunities are far from the norm in our world, even before COVID's caused over 1.6 billion students to be out of school. Thankfully, the Global Partnership for Education is working with countries to put millions of students back in school. With America's inspirational leadership, this effort by the GPE will empower countries to plan quality education systems, investing in their children and eventually take over all the costs. The only international fund of its kind, the GPE has a five-year program to support learning of 175 million more children lower income countries. We can help by asking our representatives and senators to support a pledge of \$1 billion over the next five years. Our calls (202-224-3121) and letters to those who represent us can help put millions of kids in school around the world, bringing them and their families' new hope.

— **Willie Dickerson**

Snohomish, WA

https://www.waxahachiesun.com/opinion/letters_to_editor/letter-on-supporting-education/article_ca07af24-c3e0-11eb-b6a5-bf41075ee759.html/?logged_out=1#tncms-source=login

The Dallas Morning News

We have not had much luck

June 11, 2021

Re: "Meet with us, senator," by Larry Howe, Wednesday Letters.

Our Results.org teams throughout Texas share the frustration and disappointment as expressed in Howe's letter as similarly Sen. John Cornyn has declined to meet with our organization, despite many requests, almost every year since he assumed his current position.

We are volunteer activists working together to end poverty in the U.S. and throughout the world. We can only assume by the senator's behavior that these issues are of little importance to him or that perhaps he simply doesn't want to spoil his vision of the world — as he wishes it to be, not as it is.

— **Martin G. White**

Dallas

<https://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/2021/06/11/letters-to-the-editor-voting-voter-fraud-immigration-costa-rica-and-uruguay-electricity-overhaul-sen-john-cornyn/>

The Dallas Morning News

June 13, 2021

A bold pledge needed

At one point, almost every child on the planet was out of school and every parent was left to figure out a new daily reality. For many, this marked a transition to online or hybrid learning. But for many other children facing poverty, isolation or pushed to the margins, it has meant no school at all.

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— **Sally Marie Jones**

Bedford

<https://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/2021/06/13/letters-to-the-editor-what-should-be-taught-in-texas-schools/>



Don't let the education crisis make child poverty worse

June 4, 2021

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An educated world will make it better for everyone.

— Gregory Hogan

Salt Lake City

<https://www.deseret.com/opinion/2021/6/4/22463185/letter-dont-let-the-education-crisis-make-child-poverty-worse>



Global hunger

April 8, 2021

Re "[COVID relief bill will make a difference in Virginia](#)" (Other Views, March 20): I personally support many of the measures Rep. Elaine Luria describes in the COVID-19 relief bill. As a resident of the 2nd District, I know many have faced uncertain and often devastating circumstances over this past year. This bill will provide a needed boost to small business owners, public schools, families who faced hunger due to the loss of a job, or worse, a loved one who died from COVID-19.

As a nonprofit professional working to end hunger, I have supported the annual efforts of more than 48,000 volunteers across Virginia packaging 8 million meals for food-insecure children and families. While these meals mainly support the international hunger crisis, these Virginians are passionate about hunger, both domestic and abroad. While we have made a great effort to provide the "much-needed shot in the arm" for the U.S. economy, relief for those facing hunger and poverty on a global scale is also important. The United Nations has estimated that the number of children and families faced with food insecurity in 2020 could have doubled. Our support efforts will help to relieve the trials of those affected by the pandemic in other countries and will increase safety and security here at home.

— **The Rev. Kevin E. Magee**

Senior manager of Faith and Civic Partnerships, Rise Against Hunger, Virginia Beach

<https://www.dailypress.com/opinion/letters/vp-ed-lets-0409-20210408-4qb3z36635gbpmhx2eegitrfaq-story.html>



Global education

April 29, 2021

During the COVID-19 pause, our state's K-12 students were among the 91% of the world's youth who had their education disrupted.

It's been a joy to see the big orange school buses around town again as our young Washingtonians are re-entering classrooms.

But families in other countries are still not able to send their children back to school. The global education gap that in turn stifles economic attainment in low- and middle- income countries has only widened during COVID.

Lack of formal education is a cause of global poverty. Washington state members of Congress can help get all students back into the classroom and give them a better chance of reaching their full potential.

Please join me and other volunteers in asking our lawmakers in D.C. to support foreign assistance for improved access to technology and distance learning, safe school reopening plans, and curriculum and teaching adaptation.

Education is a vital cornerstone in fighting extreme poverty around the world.

— **Beth Prevo**

Lakewood

<https://www.thenewstribune.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article251021149.html>



Support for global education has massive benefits

May 4, 2021

Those of us close to education, either as teachers or parents, have experienced how difficult this past year has been. COVID-19 related school closures disrupted learning for nearly all children, but those in low-income countries have greater barriers to accessing quality education; 463 million children could not access internet-based remote learning after schools closed. Eleven million girls might not return to school due to their disrupted education. An estimated 617 million children in impoverished countries are unable to reach minimum proficiency in reading and math.

The Global Partnership for Education (GPE) is a public-partnership established 20 years ago; focused on achieving inclusive education for all children. By pooling resources, GPE is able to utilize contributions from the 21 GPE partner countries (including the U.S.) and private foundations to fund quality educational plans.

Investing in global education would give countries the boost they need to provide the most vulnerable children a quality education, and help them become thriving, productive citizens.

This July, the governments of the U.K. and Kenya will co-host a replenishment conference to support GPE's \$5 billion strategy for 2021-2025 to ensure quality education for 175 million children in over 90 eligible countries.

A big "Thank You" to Representative Derek Kilmer for taking leadership in the House of Representatives encouraging the administration to support increased funding the GPE. We thank Senators Murray and Cantwell for their ongoing support of education and encourage their support of the GPE.

— **Leslie and Michael Boyer**

Bremerton

<https://www.kitsapsun.com/story/opinion/readers/2021/05/04/support-global-education-has-massive-benefits/4943522001/>

TOP SCHOLARS

Help kids reach their potential

May 26, 2021

Congratulations to the top scholars from the Snohomish schools, and to all students who took advantage of a quality education. (advertisement in May 19 *Tribune*).

This educational opportunity is not the norm everywhere. With the pandemic, 1.6 billion of the world's children were out of school, many at risk of never returning. The Global Partnership for Education is marshaling global resources to prevent this. Currently the GPE, supported by partners like America, have plans for 175 million more children from lower -income countries to be in school over the next five years. A bold pledge of at least \$200 million for each of the next five years will show American leadership, inspire other donors, and help millions of children reach their potential. We can help by asking our members of Congress and the President to fulfill this life-changing pledge, making the dream of education possible for millions of children.

— **Willie Dickerson**

Snohomish

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



Act globally, protect locally

May 26, 2021

From access to outreach, Clark County's vaccination efforts are the new norm in most of America. Hopefully everywhere will be as creative as Clark County, especially reaching the underserved and very vulnerable ("[Vaccination effort gets shot in the arm in Clark County](#)," The Columbia, May 23).

The challenges we face are on a different level from most of the world, where there have only been small amounts of vaccine available. Extra doses from the wealthy world would be greatly appreciated by those countries. America, the leader in global health, supporting the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria along with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, is now beginning to offer vaccine doses.

In support of efforts to get kids back in school, America also has an opportunity to continue its leadership in support of the Global Partnership for Education, by pledging \$200 million each of the next five years. Educated children end up healthier and more likely to have successful lives.

So take a moment to thank those responsible locally for the latest creative vaccination ideas. Nationally encourage Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler and Sens. Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray to continue America's efforts to act globally, protecting us locally, by leading in these global health efforts.

— Willie Dickerson

Snohomish

<https://www.columbian.com/news/2021/may/26/letter-act-globally-protect-locally/>



GPE program makes a difference abroad

June 2, 2021

It is inspiring to see stand-out grads in these pandemic times. ("Stand-out grad: Timmons" by Haley Day, May 29, 2021)

America's educational opportunities are not the norm around the world, especially with COVID-19's affect causing more than 1.6 billion students to be out of school. The desire to learn like Timmons exhibits is multiplied when the opportunities are hard to come by. Fortunately, the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) is teaming with countries to put millions of students back in school. America has been an inspirational leader in this effort by the GPE to empower countries to plan quality education systems, invest in and eventually take over costs.

As the only international fund of its kind, the GPE and its partners have a five-year program to support learning of 175 million more children in lower-income countries. We can help by asking Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler, along with Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell, to support a pledge of \$200 million a year for each of the next five years. Our calls and letters matter.

— Willie Dickerson

Snohomish, Wash.

https://tdn.com/opinion/letters/letter-gpe-program-makes-a-difference-abroad/article_7a8b4bec-46d0-574f-838f-647035428bf7.html



Strickland's actions address poverty

June 6, 2021

The other Washington doesn't often get a great rap for changing people's lives, but it's worth taking a second look. Recent changes in the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit passed by Congress are going to cut in half the rate of U.S. child poverty this year.

How did such a monumental success come about? As a 30+-year volunteer lobbyist working for the end of poverty, I've learned that some of the most powerful lobbyists in D.C. are members of Congress themselves.

Washington's 10th District Rep. Marilyn Strickland has taken this practice to heart. She's sensitive to the challenges people experiencing poverty are facing. Our [local RESULTS group](#) has been working with her office to address underlying issues of poverty that continue to rob families and communities of a bright future.

This spring, Rep. Strickland signed onto three lobbying letters ("Dear Colleague" letters) in support of global nutrition, education, and the elimination of tuberculosis. These letters help determine where our foreign aid money goes, and where the U.S. commits funds, other Global North countries typically follow.

These seemingly small actions will have results around the world that we will never see: children and parents receiving food, walking into schools where there are teachers and books, and receiving primary health care such as vaccines.

This year has been devastating for people living in poverty — here and globally. The actions our leaders take have enormous consequences. Thank you, Rep. Strickland, for all the ways you are using your power for good.

— Carolyn Prouty

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<https://www.theolympian.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article251905073.html>



Global program pushes to get students back in school

June 9, 2021

To the editor — Reading the graduation story of Lessley Martinez, I am reminded of how wonderful it is to get an education. ("West Valley grad goes from scared to scholarship," by Pat Muir, Yakima Herald-Republic, June 4, 2021.)

America's educational opportunities are far from the norm in our world, even before COVID caused over 1.6 billion students to be out of school. Fortunately, the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) is working with countries to put millions of students back in school. With America's partnership, this effort by the GPE will empower countries to plan quality education programs that invest in their children.

To begin, recipients pay for part, eventually take over all the costs of their education programs. The only international fund of its kind, the GPE's five-year program will support learning of 175 million more children in lower income countries.

We can help by asking our representatives and senators to support a pledge of \$1 billion over the next five years. Our calls (202-224-3121) and letters to those who represent us can help put millions of kids in school around the world, bringing them and their families new hope, as it did for Ms. Martinez.

— **Willie Dickerson**

Snohomish

https://www.yakimaherald.com/opinion/letters_to_editor/letter-global-program-pushes-to-get-students-back-in-school/article_dd24da87-4ea3-505d-a350-92a86831c98c.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share



Reducing poverty should be an American goal

June 10, 2021

It's easy to be cynical about politics in our nation. Yet, despite political division, Congress, came together to implement important interventions that provide a safety net to those who were most impacted and resources for our economy to recover and thrive.

Still, many Americans continue to suffer economic devastation. We need Congress to continue the programs it funded to reduce child and family poverty, specifically the expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit, so families can also thrive.

Fortunately our Congressman, Rep. Derek Kilmer, is supporting both those initiatives.

In developing countries, however, the situation is far different. While in the U.S. almost half of the population has received vaccinations that allow us to resume our lives, only about 3% of the population in developing countries have received vaccinations. Their economies are struggling and their children are far from returning to school.

Rep. Kilmer is leading a Congressional effort to make sure that all children, despite the pandemic, have the opportunity to attend school. He knows how important education is to each child and to their families, communities, nations and the entire world. As a volunteer with RESULTS, which advocates for our nation to take needed steps to reduce poverty in the U.S. and around the world, I thank Rep. Kilmer for his leadership to promote education worldwide. I call upon Sens. Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell to do the same.

— **Beth Wilson**

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<https://www.kitsapsun.com/story/opinion/readers/2021/06/10/reducing-poverty-should-american-goal/7642247002/>

The value of education

June 13, 2021

Reading the inspirational story of Yalda Shirzai reminds me how critical it is to get an education. ("North Central senior Yalda Shirzai makes once-impossible dreams her reality," June 3)

Shirzai's "thirst to learn" is echoed by students around the world. With COVID causing over 1.6 billion students to be out of school, the chance to go to school has become even more precious. The Global Partnership for Education (GPE) is working with countries to turn this around and put millions of students back in school. America's five-year pledge of \$1 billion will help the GPE empower countries to institute quality education programs, investing in their children and eventually no longer needing financial help to do this.

The multi-nationally supported GPE's five-year program will put 175 million more children in lower-income countries into school for the first time. We can help with our calls (202-224-3121) and letters to those who represent us to make this a reality: putting millions of kids in school around the world, bringing them and their families new hope.

— **Willie Dickerson**

Snohomish

<https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2021/jun/13/value-education/>



More support for students needed after pandemic

June 23, 2021

Thanks for putting the Class of 2021 on The Herald's June 13 front page; they deserve it with the challenges they faced with covid!

Your highlighting of several individuals as positive examples speaks well for the many graduates you listed.

Sadly, far too many of the 1.6 billion students out of school because of the pandemic have not returned, especially in low-income countries. Thankfully, the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) is working to turn that around. Since 2002, GPE has supported over 160 million more children to be in school receiving a quality education. The GPE's new five year plan will also put 175 million more children in school for the first time.

A bold American pledge of \$1 billion over five years will inspire donors to contribute the other 80 percent of the money needed. If we call our members of Congress (202-224-3121), asking them to support this plan, millions of children will have the opportunity to graduate like our own Snohomish County students, going on to be a healthier, happier, and more productive part of society.

— Willie Dickerson

Snohomish

<https://www.heraldnet.com/opinion/more-support-for-students-needed-after-pandemic/>



Support global education

June 29, 2021

Sad to read the bipartisan infrastructure deal is now in doubt. (“‘Blindsided’ GOP senators put infrastructure deal in doubt,” June 25).

Fortunately bipartisanship is alive and well in other areas, including the bipartisan letter to the president calling for an American pledge of \$1 billion over five years for the Global Partnership for Education. Rep. Derek Kilmer, D-Wash., partnered with Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick, R-Pa., to call for this positive investment that assists countries to get every child in school.

Over the next five years the GPE will partner with low-income countries to put 175 million students in school for the first time. Each of us can help by asking Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler, R-Battle Ground, to sign this letter. This small investment (far less than 1/1000th of the budget) will result in a more peaceful and hopeful world.

— **Willie Dickerson**

Snohomish

<https://www.columbia.com/news/2021/jun/29/letter-106/>

The Seattle Times

Bipartisanship: The fruits of collaboration

July 2, 2021

Re: "U.S. Rep. Derek Kilmer helps restore civility to Congress" [June 30, Opinion]:

Rep. Kilmer also demonstrates bipartisan work in the House beyond the committee. Recently, he and U.S. Rep. Brian Kevin Fitzpatrick, R-Pa., began circulating a bipartisan letter for representatives to sign calling on President Joe Biden to make a \$1 billion pledge (spread over five years) to the Global Partnership for Education (GPE).

The GPE has successfully partnered with more than 75 low-income countries to focus on providing a quality education for all children. The return for this investment is a more peaceful, healthy world where more children have hope for their futures.

Thanks for highlighting Rep. Kilmer's efforts to make Congress more successful by "improving civility and collaboration." Imagine if this kind of news was highlighted more often, encouraging even more cooperation and civility in all members of Congress.

— **Willie Dickerson**

Snohomish

https://www.seattletimes.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/bipartisanship-the-fruits-of-collaboration/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=article_ins_et_1.1



Yes, vote wisely – that's how things get done

July 16, 2021

To the editor — Thanks for the reminder of why “it’s critical to vote, and vote wisely.” (‘Here’s your chance to help change the world’ in the Yakima Herald, July 11, 2021.)

Voting is our way to ensure America travels the road to equity. Using our voices, we can guide our representatives to work on what matters.

Constituent voices are responsible for the initiative in Congress to increase the Housing Voucher Program so it reaches all who qualify, rather than the current one in four. This change could help stop the increase in homelessness.

A second bipartisan effort calls on the president to pledge \$1 billion over five years to the Global Partnership for Education, which will encourage other donors and result in 175 million children in school for the first time.

So vote wisely and use your voice to encourage Congress to do the work that helps all Americans and makes a difference in our world.

— Willie Dickerson

Snohomish

https://www.yakimaherald.com/opinion/letters_to_editor/letter-yes-vote-wisely---thats-how-things-get-done/article_84cc228e-1169-5027-a6ac-9ff88f77117a.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share

THE REGISTER~HERALD.

Beckley, West Virginia

West Virginia voices should confirm support for inclusive education

June 16, 2021

In the "How They Voted" article on June 11, 2021 there was not a lot of voting activity to report so I expect most readers may have skimmed over the resolution passed by the Senate (S. Res 229). This resolution expressed solidarity with the Afghan people by recognizing the devastating attack on a girls school in Kabul, Afghanistan where more than 85 people were killed, mostly students.

Quality education is the right of every child. Evidence shows that access to quality education reduces poverty, improves gender equality, advances economic prosperity, improves peace and security, and strengthens public health. The Global Partnership for Education (GPE) is a leading international organization in basic education, with a presence in 76 countries. GPE brings together international donors, the private sector, and community groups to build resilient education systems. I feel most Americans would want a more peaceful and equitable world and with the recent pandemic, to see more robust public health globally.

Our Senators Manchin and Capito and Representatives McKinley, Miller and Mooney should support the bipartisan resolutions (S. Res 240 and H. Res 225) affirming the role of the United States in improving access to quality, inclusive public education and improved learning outcomes for children and adolescents, particularly for girls, in the poorest countries through the Global Partnership for Education. Our leaders should ask President Biden for a pledge of \$1 billion over 5 years for the GPE.

— **Josephine Reece**

Morgantown (formerly of Mullens)

https://www.register-herald.com/opinion/west-virginia-voices-should-confirm-support-for-inclusive-education/article_0ca7fbbe-cef8-11eb-8274-3bc43a4f9516.html

THE CAP TIMES

Ask Congress to fund global health efforts

March 15, 2021

Dear Editor: Thanks for printing Cynthia Changyit Levin's letter reminding us this pandemic must be treated globally to protect us locally, and how each of us can take action to do just that. ('Wisconsin officials should support funding global health aid' by Cynthia Changyit Levin, The Cap Times, Feb. 28) The U.S. has been a leader in global health, supporting the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and malaria, along with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. Both multi-national organizations have been doing a great job helping over 100 countries fight COVID19, but need new funding to continue this global battle that will protect us locally. Calling on our members of Congress is a way Ms. Levin demonstrates for each of us to make aid this effort. Calling on members of Congress to support this global battle — (202) 224-3121 — will encourage them to continue America's leadership in global health. Be sure to thank them for the work done so far, and ask them to commit at least another \$20 billion to make the world safe from this and future pandemics.

— **Willie Dickerson**

Snohomish, Washington

https://madison.com/ct/opinion/mailbag/willie-dickerson-ask-congress-to-fund-global-health-efforts/article_c4e66f97-2653-5b79-a33e-ac3a8bcd8910.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share