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April 5, 2018	Susan Oehser	The Post-Star (Glens Falls, N.Y.)	Letter	Cutting foreign aid is denying kids futures (Cutting these programs denies millions of people a future; Congress knows it, they resisted last year's proposed cuts and must so again.)
April 26, 2018	Mei Sze Phung	East Bay Times	Letter	Stop cuts in aid to world's poorest, sickest children (Sens. Feinstein and Harris must sign dear colleague letters for Maternal and Child Health, tuberculosis, Global Partnership for Education and Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria.)
April 26, 2018	Mei Sze Phung	Alameda Sun	Letter	Proof that advocacy does matter (Sens. Feinstein and Harris should sign the dear colleague letters for appropriations for Maternal and Child Health, bilateral tuberculosis funding, Global Partnership for Education and Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria.)
May 4, 2018	Brian Webster	San Francisco Chronicle	Letter	Vaccine benefits (For 30 years, Rep. Nancy Pelosi has been working to increase funding for vaccine programs like Gavi; Rep. Barbara Lee has championed the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria from the start; there's huge public and legislative support for vaccination.)
May 31, 2018	Jasmine Liu	Alameda Sun	Letter	<b>Thanks, Senator</b> (Sen. Feinstein supports maternal and child health and the Reach Every Mother and Child Act; Sen. Harris should do so too.)
June 24, 2018	Lori Saltveit	Marin Independent Journal	Letter	Foreign aid budget cut will hurt millions of people (Foreign aid fights infectious killers, promotes medical care, nutrition, and education. Congress opposed cuts before and must do so again.)
December 21, 2018 (online 12/20)	Jim Driggers	East Bay Times	Letter	<b>DeSaulnier supports global education, health</b> (Rep DeSaulnier has supported key international education and health programs including GPE and GFATM, which save lives and reduce migration.)
February 6, 2019	Tari Nicholson	East Bay Times	Letter	Harris' 'out of sync' replies reveal lack of experience (Sen. Harris supports U.S. education, but should learn more I about global issues.)
April 7, 2019	Ricardo Narvaez	East Bay Times	Letter	GOP-Dem unity on global health program applauded (Republicans and Democrats have both strongly supported global health, education and anti-poverty programs, including GPE and GFATM; Congress and the President should support GFATM with at least \$4.8 billion annually.)
April 19, 2019	Susan Oehser	East Bay Times	Letter	Congress must stop Trump's cuts to lifesaving programs (Barbara Lee has championed GFATM since its beginning in 2002; the GFATM has saved millions of lives; urge Congress to oppose Trump's proposed 25% cut!)
May 18, 2019	Gail Dolson	Marin Independent Journal	Letter	Appreciates Sen. Harris' work 'behind the scenes' (Kudos to Sen. Kamala Harris for promoting strong U.S. support in global health and nutrition solutions, increasing funding for PEPFAR and the GFATM)
May 22, 2019	Jim Driggers	East Bay Times The Mercury News	Letter	Will pro-lifers fight to save babies after they're born? (The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria has saved 27 million lives since 2002; pro-lifers should join me in urging their reps to continue the bipartisan support for the Global Fund)
June 14, 2019	Lisa Schliff	The Union	Letter	We can't escape housing crisis (Solutions to the housing crisis include creating a renters' tax credit.)



#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

March 14, 2018 11:00 AM

#### Kudos to the kids

Re "Schools worried about the National School Walkout are missing the point of democracy" (Editorials, March 13): Congratulations to students being vocal about their need for school safety. A 17-minute walkout is a plea for change across the country. These students are some of the most effective advocates in modern times, although it remains to be seen if they are successful. They have garnered attention, kept the path open for others to join them and are certainly an inspiration. Voices matter, and soon these students will be voters, and that matters as well. So follow through, students, and make a difference. That's democracy!

California stands poised to lead the nation, this time in health care. Covering all Californians with affordable health care insurance would be an example for the nation. Nationally, 13 senators are rewriting the health care bill that passed the House. Time to write, call, or visit your senators and ask them to pass affordable health care for all Americans.

WILLIE DICKERSON,

SNOHOMISH, WASH.

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## EAST BAY TIMES

# Letter: Reps. Jerry McNerney and Mark DeSaulnier help combat global health problem — will Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris?

Letters to the editor | Bay Area News Group

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## Reps. McNerney, DeSaulnier committed to eradicating TB

March 24 is World TB Day, and this ancient disease still kills 5,000 people each day.

It is a highly infectious disease that is contracted simply by breathing. Even though it is not prevalent in the U.S. at this time, all we have to do is visit another country, or be near a tourist from another country, to be exposed. One does not even have to be symptomatic to be carrying the disease. The best way to eradicate any danger of TB is to wipe it out abroad.

So thanks to our Representatives Jerry McNerney and Mark DeSaulnier for showing their commitment to protecting the people of the Bay Area by recommending increases in foreign-aid dollars to combat the scourge of TB. I hope Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris will follow their example.

Bill Nicholson

Martinez

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# Letter to the editor: Cutting foreign aid is denying kids futures

Apr 5, 2018

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#### **Editor:**

Just like last year, the White House has released a national budget proposal that drastically slashes foreign aid. What does this money do? For starters, it ensures that millions of people get treatment for tuberculosis, which is currently the world's biggest infectious killer. It helps babies get the medical care and nutrition they need to grow into healthy kids. It gives girls a chance to go to school.

Cutting these programs denies millions of people a future. This is not who we are.

Congress knows it, which is why they fought back last year to stop the proposed cuts. They must do the same now.

Susan Oehser, Bakers Mills

## EAST BAY TIMES

Letter: Stop cuts to aid to world's poorest, sickest children

Sens. Feinstein and Harris must sign the "Dear Colleague" letters for appropriations for Maternal and Child Health, bi-lateral tuberculosis funding, Global Partnership for Education and Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria

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### Stop cuts to aid to world's poorest, sickest children

Re: "Letter: Reps. McNerney, DeSaulnier committed to eradicating TB" (Opinion, March 22):

I care deeply about ending poverty. My family comes from China and Vietnam. They braved the tumultuous Vietnam War, where poverty and hunger were widespread, before coming to America.

Like last year, the White House released a national budget proposal that drastically reduces foreign aid. This foreign aid ensures that millions of people get treatment for tuberculosis. It also helps babies get the medical care and nutrition they need to grow into healthy kids and gives girls a chance to go to school.

Cutting these programs denies millions of people a future. Congress took action last year to stop the proposed cuts. Congress must continue to take big steps with even more intensity now. Sens. Feinstein and Harris must sign the "Dear Colleague" letters for appropriations for Maternal and Child Health, bi-lateral tuberculosis funding, Global Partnership for Education and Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria.

Mei Sze Phung

RESULTS Volunteer, Oakland Chapter co-group leader Alameda

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## Proof that advocacy does matter

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Thu, Apr 26

Editor:

My name is Mei Sze and I care deeply about ending poverty because my family comes from China and Vietnam. My grandparents and parents braved the tumultuous Vietnam War where poverty and hunger were widespread. I feel fortunate to live in America, and I want the rest of the world to have the opportunities I have had. For instance, my father had to stop school to work for his family after the third grade.

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# San Francisco Chronicle

## Letters to the Editor, May 4, 2018

#### Vaccine benefits

As a San Franciscan who supports both local and global public heath programs, I was pleased to read "A reminder — vaccines save lives" (Open Forum, April 30) by the CEO of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, who is also the former chancellor of UCSF. I agree with her assessment of the challenges and value of increasing vaccine levels here and abroad. There has been amazing progress in vaccine levels.

The World Heath Organization reports that worldwide, the number of 1-year-olds who have received at least one vaccination increased from 22 percent in 1980 to 88 percent in 2016. The Gates Foundation is doing splendid work where private philanthropy can accelerate this progress. But even the biggest foundations cannot solve public health problems without public support. For 30 years, Rep. Nancy Pelosi has been quietly and consistently voting to increase funding for vaccine programs like Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. Across the bay, Rep. Barbara Lee has been championing U.S. support for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria since that program started. Be assured that many members of the public and representatives in government support increasing vaccination levels.

Brian Webster, San Francisco

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## Thanks, Senator

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Thu, May 31

Editor:

I'm a high school student at Alameda Community Learning Center.
Cutting the budget for foreign-aid programs denies millions of people a future. Congress took action last year to stop the proposed cuts.
Congress must continue to take big steps with even more intensity now.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein signed the Senate dear colleague letter for appropriations for Maternal and Child Health. She also signed the Global Partnership for Education and Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria dear colleague letters.

Sen. Kamala Harris still has an opportunity to help babies get the nutrition they need and prevent unnecessary maternal and child deaths by signing on to the REACH Every Mother and Child Act.

Sen. Feinstein, you are a true supporter and we hope that you will continue to advocate in partnership with us on these issues so that we can bring an end to poverty by 2030.

Jasmine Liu

Marin Independent Journal (<a href="http://www.marinij.com">http://www.marinij.com</a>)

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Saturday, June 23, 2018



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— Lori Saltveit, Corte Madera

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Letter: DeSaulnier supports global education, health programs – East Bay Times

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### Letter: DeSaulnier supports global education, health programs

Global Partnership for Education and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS both help in lower-income countries.



Congressman Mark DeSaulnier is photographed in his office on Monday, July 9, 2018, in Walnut Creek, Calif. (Aric Crabb/Bay Area News Group)

By LETTERS TO THE EDITOR | Bay Area News Group PUBLISHED: December 20, 2018 at 2:10 am | UPDATED: December 20, 2018 at 9:13 pm

### DeSaulnier supports global education, health programs

Congratulations to U.S. Rep. Mark DeSaulnier for winning re-election to Congress. I'm especially happy because he's been very supportive of key international education and health development programs, such as the Global Partnership for Education and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.

These programs incentivize lower-income countries to expand their education and health infrastructure. One symptom of government failure occurs when those basic social needs are ignored: the country's children die because of ignorance, disease and starvation.

Despite popular belief, less than 1 percent of the U.S. federal budget goes to foreign development. By robustly supporting international education and health programs, U.S. citizens can continue urging our government to help less developed countries invest in their own citizens. When that happens, opportunities increase for those folks to support themselves in their own countries and there's less of an incentive to migrate to our country.

— Jim Driggers, Concord

## Harris' 'out of sync' replies reveal lack of experience

Re: "Skelton: Kamala Harris' campaign rollout a very big success" (Opinion section, Feb. 1):

George Skelton's assessment of Kamala Harris' answer about health care being "out of sync" was right on.

As a frequent letter-writer to her, asking for support on bills addressing global poverty issues such as education for girls worldwide, I have also received "out of sync" replies. All of them were form letters addressing her support of U.S. education.

I am glad she supports education in this country, however, she seems to know nothing about global issues. Perhaps she needs to spend some time in her D.C. office and learn how to govern as a U.S. senator before she attempts to put herself on the world stage as the president of the United States.

She has plenty of time in her life for that. What has she actually accomplished as a senator? She seems to be using her office as a platform for her ambitions.

- Tari Nicholson, Martinez

Letter: GOP-Dem unity on global health program applauded – East Bay Times

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### Letter: GOP-Dem unity on global health program applauded

Increasing drug resistances, funding and indecisive political commitment threaten progress in mitigating AIDS, TB and malaria.



A research nurse gives an infant a check-up as part of a clinical trial to develop new TB vaccines at the South African Tuberculosis Vaccine initiative's clinical trial field site in Worcester, South Africa in this April 2012 handout photo obtained by Reuters February 1, 2013. Global health experts are eagerly awaiting clinical trial results – expected early next week – of MVA85A, the first new vaccine in 90 years designed to prevent tuberculosis infections.

By LETTERS TO THE EDITOR | Bay Area News Group PUBLISHED: April 7, 2019 at 6:10 am | UPDATED: April 7, 2019 at 6:12 am

### GOP-Dem unity on globalhealth program applauded

Disappointingly, the major television media networks seem to preferentially report on the dissension between our two major political parties in Congress.

Contrarily, I commend the unanimity among the Republicans and Democrats for continuously approving financial support for programs and strategies that promote global education and health, and fight poverty — programs such as the Global Partnership for Education and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

Even though the Global Fund has helped save about 27 million lives since 2002, many challenges remain.

Increasing drug resistances, funding and indecisive political commitment threaten progress in mitigating AIDS, TB and malaria. The U.S. needs to maintain its support of one-third of the Global Fund's financial resources, or \$4.8 billion toward the \$14 billion target to save an additional 16 million lives by 2022.

I urge the Congress and President Trump to approve this support.

Ricardo NarvaezConcord

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### Letter: Congress must stop Trump's cuts to lifesaving programs

Rep. Barbara Lee has been a champion of the Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria since its beginning in 2002



Congresswoman Barbara Lee speaks during a rally at the Lake Merritt Amphitheater before taking to the streets for the Women's March in Oakland, Calif., on Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019. (Anda Chu/Bay Area News Group)

By LETTERS TO THE EDITOR | Bay Area News Group PUBLISHED: April 19, 2019 at 1:10 pm | UPDATED: April 20, 2019 at 5:46 am

### Congress must stop Trump's cuts to lifesaving programs

I thank reader Elizabeth Whitford for her East Bay Times letter on TB, "<u>With globalization, TB poses</u> dangerous threat to California" (April 16).

She might be delighted to learn that Rep. Barbara Lee has been a champion of the Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria since its beginning in 2002.

Millions of lives have been saved because of the U.S. leadership in funding this program. As the reader noted, momentum to treat and cure these diseases, and others including measles, must be maintained.

For the first time, treatment for malaria, which kills 1 million people a year, is stagnating due to lack of increased funding.

Congress can stop President Trump's proposed 25 percent cuts in programs that save lives, only if they hear from constituents. Appropriation deadlines in the Senate are coming up soon. Please put pressure on our senators to support global health and education foreign aid programs that save lives.

- Susan Oehser, Oakland

# Marin Independent Journal

## Marin IJ Readers' Forum for May 18, 2019

Appreciates Sen. Harris' work 'behind the scenes'

Sen. Kamala Harris deserves tremendous thanks from readers. All we seem to hear these days is what is happening with her presidential campaign.

So, most folks think that is all she is focusing on — when we elected her to represent us in Washington, D.C. She has been working quietly and often behind the scenes to make sure she is serving the people of the state of California as well as communities all over the world.

As a member of RESULTS — a small citizen activist mostly volunteer organization committed to eradicating poverty wherever in the world it exists — I know that the senator receives more than 100 new requests every day. She graciously took the reins when we asked that she sign onto appropriations letters asking for strong U.S. support in global health and nutrition solutions, increase funding for the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief and the global fund to fight tuberculosis, HIV and malaria.

The atmosphere in D.C. is very anti-foreign assistance — so her speaking out for these vital programs means a lot. We have an overall obligation to at the very least make sure that everyone in the world has an equal opportunity to live a healthy and prosperous life. Kamala Harris is a shining example of how to do this.

It is not often that our senators get letters of praise for the hard work they do. So put your fingers to the keyboard or pick up your pen and let Sen. Harris know how much you appreciate her.

Gail Dolson, Corte Madera

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# The Mercury News

# Letter: Will pro-lifers fight to save babies after they're born?

By LETTERS TO THE EDITOR | May 22, 2019 at 1:10 pm

## Will pro-lifers fight to save babies after they're born?

The pro-life movement is celebrating bills passed at the state level to challenge Roe v. Wade in court. I've looked at various pro-life organizations' websites, and I'm puzzled. I never see any mention of efforts to protect the lives of infants and children after they're born.

The UN estimates 15,000 children under the age of five die each day of preventable causes. To be clear, these children were born, not aborted.

Every three years, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria seeks contributions from governments, so it can grant money to public-private partnerships in countries with high numbers of infants, children and adults dying of these three world leading causes of infectious death. The Global Fund has saved 27 million lives since 2002. I hope pro-lifers join me in urging their congressional representatives to continue Congress' bipartisan support for the Global Fund this year.

Jim Driggers
Concord

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## THE UNION

## Lisa Schliff: We can't escape housing crisis

Letters | June 14, 2019

Nevada County hasn't escaped the American housing crisis. Since 1960, renters' median earnings throughout the nation have gone up 5 percent while rents have risen by 61 percent. Workers earning the prevailing minimum wage can't afford a two-bedroom apartment anywhere in America.

Across the U.S., there is a shortage of seven million rental homes for very low-income renters. Three out of four eligible low-income households are denied Federal Housing Assistance.

However, there are solutions to the housing crisis. One idea is to create a renters' tax credit. Currently, the tax code invests billions in helping homeowners, but renters are left out. With a renters' credit, low-income renters would get a tax credit for rent paid above 30% of their household income. The implications are powerful for low-income families. Money will then be available for more food, medications, transportation, school costs and other vital needs for day-to-day living.

Now is the time to call or email our members of Congress and let him know that the renter's tax credit will make a difference in the lives of people in our area. We can advocate for them by making our voices heard by our elected officials.

Lisa B. Schliff

Grass Valley