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Lives are saved with needed vaccinations

Vaccines save lives! Can you imagine the United States having the prosperity we now have if the majority of Americans were not vaccinated against so many highly contagious diseases.

Now we are at the mercy of contagious diseases entering the United States from people visiting and born in foreign countries. Instead of closing our borders, thereby shutting down our economic growth, we should help the world fight these diseases.

Gavi is an international organization helping to immunize children in the world's poorest countries, along with the World Bank, the World Health Organization, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and developing countries themselves.

It works to vaccinate poor children worldwide, by strengthening the health care systems in poor countries and lowering the cost of vaccines.

The replenishment conference for Gavi is coming up soon. Please write to the Obama administration and urge the United States to pledge \$1 billion over the next four years to support Gavi and save young lives worldwide.

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