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

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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.

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