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East Bay Times reader letters to the editor for March 13, 2024

Democrats, GOP should agree on health care

Re: "[Demand funding for global health, nutrition](#)" (Page A6, March 8).

Thanks for publishing Ricardo Narvaez's letter on International Women's Day. It seems to me that there's a lot of common ground between liberals who want to protect women's health and conservatives who want to protect babies' lives and, presumably, the lives of mothers who'll take care of those babies and children already born.

Sadly, mothers dying during and within a year of childbirth is unnecessarily high. In the United States, the maternal mortality rate (the number of deaths per 100,000 births) is [32.9](#) and globally it's 223.

I hope that the common ground mentioned above leads Congress to increase international child and maternal health funding to at least \$1.15 billion in next year's budget. Protecting the lives of babies, children and mothers through better health care is something we should all support.

Jim Driggers *Concord*