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East Bay Times reader letters to the editor for Nov. 20, 2024

Urge Congress to pass bill to fight TB

Re: "[First known U.S. case of new type of mpox found](#)" (Page A4, Nov. 17).

Once again Americans are traveling the world, and, like COVID, tuberculosis is easy to bring home, and is an unwanted guest. Even more alarming than mpox, which was recently reported in San Mateo, tuberculosis is the most infectious disease behind COVID, and killed [1.25 million people](#) last year.

The rate of TB infections [has increased](#) in the United States for three years in a row, and it is very expensive to cure. However, TB can be eradicated. The way to fight TB is to eliminate it worldwide.

Please write to your representatives in Congress, and ask them to pass the End TB Now Act ([HR 1776](#)), and save future generations from this terrible disease.

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