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Letters: Best way to influence Congress is to tell them what you want East Bay Times reader letters to the editor for Dec. 24, 2025

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To influence Congress, tell them what you want

My representative in the House of Representatives is Mark DeSaulnier. On Friday, I was able to attend his last virtual town hall for the year. During the meeting, I thanked him for his past support of the [Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria](#), and asked whether he would again support full funding for the Global Fund (\$4.6 billion over three years) and support language to prevent the administration from rescinding past or future money Congress appropriates for the fund. I was pleased to hear his emphatic yes to my question.

There are many ways constituents can influence politicians to better represent them in Congress. Some of the best are meeting with, calling and writing them to clearly express what programs and policies we want them to support. Politicians aren't mind readers. We have to tell them what we want.

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