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More support for U.S. humanitarian aid urgently needed

I would like to register my horror and encourage others to take action over President Donald Trump threatening to cut U.S. global humanitarian aid by 30 percent in the 2018 budget.

My friends at RESULTS have worked very hard to reduce the worldwide childhood mortality rate from 43,000 children per day in 1980 to 18,000 a day currently — which is still a tragic statistic that is preventable.

How can anybody justify making that statistic and others like increasing deaths due to TB, malaria and AIDS worse? Now is the time to make some noise. This is one of many issues, but a really important one. I know Rep. Barbara Lee is an ally, but we need more support from all. Let's write, call and let our feelings be known.

— *Margaret Wotkyns, Berkeley*

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