

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

March 14, 2018 11:00 AM

### **Kudos to the kids**

Re “[Schools worried about the National School Walkout are missing the point of democracy](#)” (Editorials, March 13): Congratulations to students being vocal about their need for school safety. A 17-minute walkout is a plea for change across the country. These students are some of the most effective advocates in modern times, although it remains to be seen if they are successful. They have garnered attention, kept the path open for others to join them and are certainly an inspiration. Voices matter, and soon these students will be voters, and that matters as well. So follow through, students, and make a difference. That’s democracy!

California stands poised to lead the nation, this time in health care. Covering all Californians with affordable health care insurance would be an example for the nation. Nationally, 13 senators are rewriting the health care bill that passed the House. Time to write, call, or visit your senators and ask them to pass affordable health care for all Americans.

*WILLIE DICKERSON,*

*SNOHOMISH, WASH.*

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# EAST BAY TIMES

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

Letters to the editor | Bay Area News Group

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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.

**Bill Nicholson**  
*Martinez*

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## Letter to the editor: Cutting foreign aid is denying kids futures

Apr 5, 2018

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### Editor:

Just like last year, the White House has released a national budget proposal that drastically slashes foreign aid. What does this money do? For starters, it ensures that millions of people get treatment for tuberculosis, which is currently the world's biggest infectious killer. It helps babies get the medical care and nutrition they need to grow into healthy kids. It gives girls a chance to go to school.

Cutting these programs denies millions of people a future. This is not who we are. Congress knows it, which is why they fought back last year to stop the proposed cuts. They must do the same now.

**Susan Oehser, Bakers Mills**

# EAST BAY TIMES

## Letter: Stop cuts to aid to world's poorest, sickest children

**Sens. Feinstein and Harris must sign the "Dear Colleague" letters for appropriations for Maternal and Child Health, bi-lateral tuberculosis funding, Global Partnership for Education and Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria**

Letters to the editor | Bay Area News Group

PUBLISHED: April 26, 2018 at 8:07 am

## Stop cuts to aid to world's poorest, sickest children

Re: "Letter: Reps. McNerney, DeSaulnier committed to eradicating TB" (Opinion, March 22):

I care deeply about ending poverty. My family comes from China and Vietnam. They braved the tumultuous Vietnam War, where poverty and hunger were widespread, before coming to America.

Like last year, the White House released a national budget proposal that drastically reduces foreign aid. This foreign aid ensures that millions of people get treatment for tuberculosis. It also helps babies get the medical care and nutrition they need to grow into healthy kids and gives girls a chance to go to school.

Cutting these programs denies millions of people a future. Congress took action last year to stop the proposed cuts. Congress must continue to take big steps with even more intensity now. Sens. Feinstein and Harris must sign the "Dear Colleague" letters for appropriations for Maternal and Child Health, bi-lateral tuberculosis funding, Global Partnership for Education and Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria.

**Mei Sze Phung**

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Alameda*

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## Proof that advocacy does matter

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Thu, Apr 26

Editor:

My name is Mei Sze and I care deeply about ending poverty because my family comes from China and Vietnam. My grandparents and parents braved the tumultuous Vietnam War where poverty and hunger were widespread. I feel fortunate to live in America, and I want the rest of the world to have the opportunities I have had. For instance, my father had to stop school to work for his family after the third grade.

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Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris should sign the dear colleague letters for appropriations for Maternal and Child Health, bilateral tuberculosis funding, Global Partnership for Education and Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria.

Mei Sze Phung, RESULTS The Power to End Poverty

# San Francisco Chronicle

## Letters to the Editor, May 4, 2018

### **Vaccine benefits**

As a San Franciscan who supports both local and global public health programs, I was pleased to read “A reminder — vaccines save lives” (Open Forum, April 30) by the CEO of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, who is also the former chancellor of UCSF. I agree with her assessment of the challenges and value of increasing vaccine levels here and abroad. There has been amazing progress in vaccine levels.

The World Health Organization reports that worldwide, the number of 1-year-olds who have received at least one vaccination increased from 22 percent in 1980 to 88 percent in 2016. The Gates Foundation is doing splendid work where private philanthropy can accelerate this progress. But even the biggest foundations cannot solve public health problems without public support. For 30 years, Rep. Nancy Pelosi has been quietly and consistently voting to increase funding for vaccine programs like Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. Across the bay, Rep. Barbara Lee has been championing U.S. support for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria since that program started. Be assured that many members of the public and representatives in government support increasing vaccination levels.

*Brian Webster, San Francisco*

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## Thanks, Senator

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Thu, May 31

Editor:

I'm a high school student at Alameda Community Learning Center. Cutting the budget for foreign-aid programs denies millions of people a future. Congress took action last year to stop the proposed cuts. Congress must continue to take big steps with even more intensity now.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein signed the Senate dear colleague letter for appropriations for Maternal and Child Health. She also signed the Global Partnership for Education and Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria dear colleague letters.

Sen. Kamala Harris still has an opportunity to help babies get the nutrition they need and prevent unnecessary maternal and child deaths by signing on to the REACH Every Mother and Child Act.

Sen. Feinstein, you are a true supporter and we hope that you will continue to advocate in partnership with us on these issues so that we can bring an end to poverty by 2030.

Jasmine Liu

Marin Independent Journal (<http://www.marinij.com>)

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Saturday, June 23, 2018



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— *Lori Saltveit, Corte Madera*

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