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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.

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