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Thanks for help in fight against TB

On Wednesday, the House of Representatives passed the Lantos/Hyde AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Act of 2008. It increased support for TB and its impact, with 1.7 million people dying of TB each year — one person every 20 seconds. TB is the leading killer of people with HIV/AIDS. Underfunding and incomplete treatment of basic TB has created new, drug-resistant strains that cost thousands of dollars to treat. The World Health Organization estimates there are 500,000 cases of multi-drug-resistant TB, or MDR-TB, in 45 countries, including the United States. Thank you to local Reps. Mike Honda, Anna Eshoo and Zoe Lofgren for their support of the Stop TB Now Act, which was instrumental in having TB provisions included in this bill. The Senate has to close the deal now and pass its version of the bill.

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