

Reach Every Mother and Child Act Sample Letters to the Editor (LTE)

Below are several letters to the editor from different perspectives. Find the one that applies mostly closely to you and adapt it.

Perspective: Mother

To the editor:

As a mother, I'm thankful to have XX children, who were born healthy and have been given many opportunities. Throughout my pregnancy, I had routine check-ups to ensure that my child and I were healthy.

Unfortunately, millions of mothers and children around the world do not have the same access to quality health care – with tragic results. In fact, more than 16,000 children die from preventable causes and 800 women die from complications of pregnancy and childbirth.

The good news despite these statistics is that thanks to U.S. leaders we have cut in half the number of kids dying from preventable causes, like malaria and pneumonia.

Now it's time to finish the job! Thankfully, a bipartisan group of senators has introduced the Reach Every Mother and Child Act (Reach Act). This legislation would help expand proven solutions to end these deaths within a generation. And because the U.S. cannot do it alone, the bill would introduce new financing mechanisms to bring new investors to the table and improve the use of existing taxpayer dollars.

This legislation offers the U.S. a unique opportunity to fulfill its promise to help end preventable maternal, newborn and child deaths.

I urge **Sen./Rep. XXX** to cosponsor the recently reintroduced Reach Act and give all children a strong start in life, just like mine had.

Perspective: Student

To the editor:

As a student, I'm grateful for the educational opportunities I've been given, especially since many kids around the world will never have the same chances to learn – or even reach their fifth birthday.

Our nation has provided great leadership in the fight to end preventable deaths of mother and children from causes such as pneumonia, malaria and diarrhea.

We've come very far in the past few decades, but there is so much more to do. More than 16,000 children die every single day from preventable causes and 800 women die from complications of pregnancy and childbirth. These women and children deserve to live, to go to school and have a bright future.

That's why I'm glad that the Reach Every Mother and Child Act (Reach Act), legislation supported by Republicans and Democrats, would help expand proven solutions to end these deaths within a generation. And because the U.S. cannot do it alone, the bill would introduce new financing mechanisms to bring in new investors and improve the use of existing taxpayer dollars.

This legislation gives our country the chance to continue its leadership and keep its promise to help end preventable maternal, newborn and child deaths.

I urge **Rep./Sen. XXX** to cosponsor the recently reintroduced Reach Act and give all children a strong start in life.

Perspective: Health professional (nurse, doctor, etc.)

To the editor:

As a nurse, I often treat patients who suffer from illnesses we can easily treat, such as pneumonia. Tragically, around the world, millions of mothers and children die from preventable causes like pneumonia and even diarrhea every year.

The U.S. has been a global leader in helping to save the lives of mothers and children from preventable deaths from illnesses like pneumonia, diarrhea and malnutrition. We've made great progress by reducing the number of these deaths worldwide by more than half, but we cannot stop now. Every day, more than 16,000 children continue to die from preventable causes and 800 women still die from complications of pregnancy and childbirth.

That's why I'm thrilled the Reach Every Mother and Child Act (Reach Act), bipartisan legislation recently reintroduced in the Senate. This bill focuses on expanding proven solutions to end these deaths within a generation. And because the U.S. cannot do it alone, the bill would introduce new financing mechanisms to bring new investors to the table and improve the stewardship of existing taxpayer dollars.

This legislation offers the U.S. a unique opportunity to accelerate its leadership and fulfill its promise to help end preventable maternal, newborn and child deaths.

In the 114th Congress, the Reach Act received incredible bipartisan support, with 219 cosponsors in the House and 36 cosponsors in the Senate.

I urge **Sen./Rep. XXX** to cosponsor the Reach Act because investing in mothers and kids today will help create a brighter tomorrow.

Perspective: Traveled Abroad

To the editor:

Recently, I returned from XX, where I saw many mothers and children who were struggling with XX.

I am proud that the U.S. has been a global leader in helping to save the lives of mothers and children from preventable causes such as pneumonia, malaria and diarrhea. We've made great progress by reducing the number of preventable deaths of children worldwide by more than half, but we cannot stop now. Every day, more than 16,000 children continue to die from preventable causes and 800 women still die from complications of pregnancy and childbirth.

Fortunately, there is a solution.

The Reach Every Mother and Child Act (Reach Act) is bipartisan legislation that would help expand proven solutions to end these deaths within a generation. And because the U.S. cannot do it alone, the bill would introduce new financing mechanisms to bring new investors to the table and improve the stewardship of existing taxpayer dollars.

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Perspective: Economic and National Security

To the editor:

Even though politicians in Washington are unable to agree on many issues, they do agree on the need to save lives. I'm proud that no matter which party has held power in the White House or Congress, the U.S. has been a global leader in helping to save the lives of mothers and children from preventable deaths caused by illnesses like pneumonia and malnutrition for the past three decades.

It not only shows our moral leadership, it is in our own best interests. Our investments have helped create some of our best trading partners and stopped the spread of global disease. Healthy children can reach their full potential and contribute to the advancement of their societies, which are more likely to be peaceful if they're prosperous.

Nearly half of our exports currently go to developing countries. More healthy mothers and children mean there will be more consumers for our goods.

Our investments abroad have resulted in progress, but we have more to do. Every day, more than 16,000 children continue to die from preventable causes.

That's why I'm delighted the Reach Every Mother and Child Act (Reach Act), bipartisan legislation recently reintroduced in the Senate, would help expand proven solutions to end these deaths within a generation.

I urge **Sen./Rep. XX** to sign on to the Reach Act because given the challenges faced both at home and around the world, Congress should support a strategy that reinforces our nation's moral leadership abroad – creating a more stable society and, most importantly, saving lives.