To the editor:

*PERSONAL ANECDOTE. (As a mother, nurse, experience on a trip to a developing country etc.)*

The United States has been a global leader in helping to save the lives of mothers and children from preventable causes and providing critical development and humanitarian assistance.

Since 1990, American foreign aid has helped reduce poverty, respond to crises and reduce deaths of children worldwide by half. This is fantastic progress, but our work cannot stop because every day, more than 15,000 children still die from treatable illnesses such as diarrhea and malnutrition.

As conflicts and war spread around the world, women and children are suffering as they flee the violence. One in six children worldwide are now living in conflict-affected regions and they lack access to school and health facilities. The United Nations estimates global humanitarian needs will increase even more this year.

This Mother’s Day, I urge Rep./Sen. XXX to preserve America’s legacy of helping mothers and children by rejecting any cuts to international aid funding. Investing in families today helps create a better tomorrow.