

## GLOBAL POLICY LASER TALKS

## Global Partnership for Education (GPE)

### LASER TALK

**Engage:** An estimated 80% of the world's school-age children have experienced disruptions in their education due to COVID-19, more than 1.5 billion. Children living in poverty and those from marginalized communities have been particularly affected.

**Problem:** And even before COVID-19, an estimated 617 million children and adolescents around the world were unable to reach minimum proficiency levels in reading and math, even though two-thirds of them were in school.

**Inform:** The Global Partnership for Education (GPE) has proven that coordinating resources around country-owned national education plans can make a difference. Since 2002, GPE has supported over 160 million more children to be in school receiving a quality education. And they have been on the frontlines addressing the education crisis created by COVID-19, investing over \$500 million in emergency support. Now, more than ever, it's critical to invest in global education. Now, more than ever, it's critical to invest in global education.

### **Call to Action:** (Multiple requests):

#### Senate Request:

- Will the senator please cosponsor the bipartisan [Senate Resolution 240](#) in support of the Global Partnership for Education (GPE)?

#### House Request:

- Will the representative please cosponsor bipartisan [House Resolution 225](#) in support of the Global Partnership for Education (GPE)?

### NOTES

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**Global Vaccine Access****LASER TALK**

**Engage:** The development of safe, effective vaccines against a deadly pandemic disease less than a year after it emerged is extraordinary. Public investment in science and technology made it possible.

**Problem:** But few countries have adequate access to COVID-19 vaccines. Currently nine out of ten people in low-income countries will not receive a single COVID-19 vaccination dose this year. So, it is unconscionable for rich countries to hoard the resources from a world that desperately needs them.

**Inform** According to a recent poll of likely voters, most Americans want the U.S. to step up. When asked if the U.S. should help other countries struggling with COVID-19, if we should distribute vaccines globally, and if the U.S. lead, most Americans, across parties, support all these measures.

**Call to Action:** We need the president and Congress to show leadership by quickly boosting global vaccine manufacturing and access, compelling companies to share taxpayer-funded vaccine innovation with the world so that everyone will have access quickly.

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