

## 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.

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

Senate Requests

- Will the senator please include \$150 million for GPE, in their submission to the leadership of the State and Foreign Operations Subcommittee of Appropriations (Senators Coons and Graham)? [Here is a background piece on the request.](#)
- Will the senator please cosponsor the bipartisan [Senate Resolution 240](#) in support of the Global Partnership for Education (GPE)?

House Requests

- Will the representative please sign on to the [bipartisan GPE letter circulating in the House](#) calling on the Biden Administration to make a \$1 billion pledge next month at the GPE replenishment conference? The US pledge will signal the need for other donors to step up and support GPE in executing its 5-year global education plan, which will benefit 175 million existing and 88 million new students.
- Will the representative please cosponsor bipartisan [House Resolution 225](#) in support of the Global Partnership for Education?

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**FY 2022 Appropriations: Global Tuberculosis****LASER TALK**

**Engage:** We've proven that it's possible to make rapid progress against a pandemic if we focus political will and resources at the problem.

**Problem:** Prior to COVID-19, tuberculosis (TB) was the leading infectious disease killer in the world for years, taking 1.4 million lives in 2019 and sickening 10 million people. And COVID-19 has made it worse, interrupting treatment and diverting resources normally used for TB. Experts estimate that TB efforts have been set back ten years or more during the pandemic.

**Inform:** TB is a curable disease that continues to be the top infectious disease killer in low- and middle-income countries globally, largely due to a lack of attention and resources. Imagine what we could accomplish if we tackled TB with the same resolve as we did COVID-19. With additional resources we could save lives, strengthen health systems and pandemic response, and ultimately end TB as a global health threat.

**Call to Action:** It's time to end TB. Will the senator please include \$1 billion for bilateral tuberculosis in their submission to the leadership of the State and Foreign Operations Subcommittee of Appropriations (Senators Coons and Graham), and sign on to the bipartisan

Brown/Young Dear Colleague letter to the leadership of SFOPS?

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**FY 2022 Appropriations: Global Nutrition****LASER TALK**

**Engage:** It's distressing that one in three of the world's children under age five are malnourished. 2.3 million child deaths are attributed to severe malnutrition every year – that's almost half of the under-five child deaths.

**Problem:** And COVID-19 has made it worse, driving an estimated 150 million additional people into extreme poverty around the world. Children living in extreme poverty are much more likely to be malnourished.

**Inform:** Greater investment in a handful of interventions like vitamin A supplements, pre-natal nutrition for women, therapeutic foods like Plumpy'Nut, and exclusive breastfeeding could make all the difference. For example, vitamin A can reduce child deaths by up to 24 percent, and infants that are exclusively breastfed are 14 times less likely to die in the first six months of life.

**Call to Action:** Increasing support for global nutrition is critical for child survival. Will the senator please include \$300 million for global nutrition in her/his appropriations submission to the leadership of the State and Foreign Operations Subcommittee of Appropriations (Senators Coons and Graham), and sign on to the bipartisan Dear Colleague letter calling for robust funding for Maternal and Child Health,

including Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, and Nutrition in Global Health?

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