

## End TB Now Act of 2021

### LASER TALK

**Engage:** COVID-19 isn't the only contagion ravaging the globe. Tuberculosis (TB) has plagued humanity for generations, and it is the second leading infectious disease killer in the world after COVID-19.

**State Problem:** Even though it is preventable, treatable, and curable, TB takes the lives of 1.4 million people annually. It exploits and exacerbates poverty and disproportionately hurts the marginalized. And because TB and COVID-19 are both airborne diseases, TB resources and expertise were re-allocated to address the COVID-19 pandemic, causing us to fall behind on reaching global TB goals.

**Inform:** But it's not a trade-off that has to continue. The End TB Now Act (S.3386/H.R.8654) are bipartisan bills directing USAID to set bold targets to reach and treat the most vulnerable populations for all forms of TB. We have a unique opportunity to set TB control and eradication goals back on track.

**Call to Action:** Will the senator/representative co-sponsor this urgent legislation? To restore our gains in dealing with TB as a disease of poverty, and to save more lives, Congress must act.

### NOTES