

Ask Congress to Support a Global Vaccine Resolution

<u>LASER TALK</u> <u>NOTES</u>

Engage: Every year, almost 5 million children die before their fifth birthdays of mainly preventable causes.

State the Problem: For example, last year, more than 700,000 children died from pneumonia, despite the fact there are safe and vaccines around \$2.00 per dose.

Inform: Vaccines are one of the most costeffective interventions to save lives and prevent illness. Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance has helped to vaccinate over 1 billion children, preventing more than 17.3 million child deaths since 2000.

Call to action:

U.S. leadership on basic global health inspires other nations to do more for global access to life-saving vaccines. Will you please co-sponsor the bipartisan resolution in support of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance? (In the Senate, it's S.Res. 684. In the House, it's H.Res. 1286.) Your support will encourage other nations to do their part at the upcoming Gavi pledging conference.