



## **World TB Day U.S. Congress Briefing Tuberculosis: New Momentum to Combat the Top Global Infectious Killer**

*In cooperation with the TB Elimination Caucus, Co-Chaired by  
Reps. Eliot L. Engel (D-NY) and Don Young (R-AK)*

**Wednesday, March 27, 2019  
12:00pm – 1:30pm  
2255 Rayburn House Building**

*- Lunch will be served -*

You are invited to attend an educational briefing on tuberculosis (TB). TB, an airborne disease, is the leading global infectious disease, killing 1.6 million in 2017. In the U.S., every state reports TB cases annually. There is now new momentum to address the disease, propelled by the first-ever United Nations High-Level Meeting (UNHLM) on TB held in September 2018. At this historic meeting, 120 countries signed a declaration committing to accelerating the global TB response with the goal of ending the TB pandemic by 2030.

Join us to learn why TB is a global health security threat and what is needed to move the U.S., and the world towards eliminating this curable disease.

### **Speakers:**

**Julie Higashi, M.D., Ph.D.**, Director, Tuberculosis Control Program, Los Angeles Co. Dept. of Public Health & President-elect, National Tuberculosis Controllers Association

**Kristine Steward-East**, Mother of Child TB Survivor

**Cheri Vincent, MSPH**, Tuberculosis Division Chief, Office of Infectious Disease., Bureau for Global Health, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)

**Philip A. LoBue, M.D., FACP, FCCP**, Director, Div. of TB Elimination, National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention, CDC

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(This is a widely attended event)

Co-hosted by the American Thoracic Society (ATS), RESULTS, the National Tuberculosis Controllers Association (NTCA), and Treatment Action Group (TAG).