



World TB Day Congressional Briefing

Drug Resistant Tuberculosis: The Threat to the U.S.

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

Wednesday, March 25, 2015
12:00pm – 1:30pm
2255 Rayburn House Office Building

- Lunch will be served -

You are invited to attend an educational briefing on tuberculosis (TB). TB, an airborne disease, is the second leading global infectious disease killer. According to the CDC, drug resistant TB is a serious health threat to the U.S. Many states are struggling with the high costs of treatment and intensive public health resources required to identify, treat and prevent drug resistant TB. Thanks to U.S. leadership, progress has been made in reducing deaths from TB, but the continued spread of drug resistant TB make the disease a global health security issue. Join us to learn why drug resistant TB is a threat to the U.S. and how our global, national, and state programs must be strengthened to protect us from this disease. The briefing will feature a showing of *TB Unmasked*, a brief documentary film about healthcare workers on the front lines of the TB epidemic.

Speakers:

Introductory remarks by Eric P. Goosby, M.D., U.N. Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Tuberculosis

Ariel Pablos-Mendez, M.D., Assistant Administrator for Global Health, U.S. Agency for International Development, panel moderator

Lila Cruikshank, TB survivor

Philip LoBue, M.D., Director, Div. of TB Elimination, National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

John Bernardo, M.D., President, National Tuberculosis Controllers Association

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(This is a widely attended event)

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