



Global Allies Program

Partners Ending Poverty with RESULTS

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Global Allies Program – Advocacy Action

Congress must deliver on Gavi!

1. Got only 5 mins? [Use this RESULTS online action](#) to reach your Senators and request that they co-sponsor the Resolution on Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance - [S. Res 684](#) (Senate Resolution), and [H. Res. 1286](#) (House Resolution).
2. Have some more time? Write to (or call) the foreign policy aide for your members of Congress.
 - Check [the RESULTS Scorecard](#) for past support of Gavi, or Maternal and Child Health more generally. If they've signed a Dear Colleague Letter, see a copy of [the signed letters here](#).
 - Find your members' foreign policy aides you can do so using the [Legislator Lookup at the RESULTS website](#). Let your coach know if you need help!
Senate: [FirstName.LastName@SenatorLastName.senate.gov](#)
House: [FirstName.LastName@mail.house.gov](#)
3. Follow up until you hear back! If you've written an email, call by dialing the **Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121** and asking for the office.
4. Consider drafting a letter to the editor to thank your member of Congress for signing on, encouraging other members of Congress to sign on, and build community awareness for this critical issue.

Write and submit a letter to the Editor

Sample letter

In 2022, 4.9 million children under the age of 5 died due mostly to preventable health problems like diarrhea, pneumonia, and measles. But there is a proven strategy to fix this.

Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance is an international partnership that provides essential support for locally-led vaccine programs worldwide. Since its inception, Gavi has helped vaccinate over 1 billion children around the world, saving 17.3 million lives. Gavi now wants to reach another 500 million children with life-saving vaccines over the next five years, while also supporting vaccine manufacturing in Africa.

The U.S just took a big step in putting this plan into action. At the June 2024 Gavi pre-replenishment meeting in Paris, the U.S. pledged at least \$1.58 billion for Gavi over the next five years. This is an excellent start. But we can do more.

I urge our members of Congress to build on the U.S. promise by increasing funding for Gavi in this year's annual spending bills.

Submit (choose one way to submit, do not do both):

- Contact your local paper or check online for submission guidelines
- [Submit at the RESULTS Action Center](#)

Sample Email for Foreign Policy Aide

Please edit and personalize, share why you care about this issue, or how it connects to you.

Dear **NAME**,

My name is **YOUR NAME**, I am a constituent, Returned Peace Corps Volunteer, and volunteer advocate. On behalf of constituents like me from our district, I would like to thank you for signing the Dear Colleague Letter to support Maternal and Child Health, Nutrition, and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance.

I was so pleased to find **your signature here**. Your action will save lives and underscores the importance of securing funding for programs that are under threat of being cut during the next steps of the appropriations process.

Share why this is particularly important to you

Following the pre-pledging conference hosted in Paris last month, the U.S. announced at least \$1.58 billion commitment over five years to support Gavi's new strategy to reach more kids with more lifesaving vaccines in less time. We need Congress to deliver on this commitment, and I am encouraged by the fact that you understand the need for these critical investments. U.S. Leadership will make all the difference this year.

Senators Wicker and Cardin are lead cosponsors of [S. Res 684](#) - a resolution which calls on the United States to take a supporting role in helping save the lives of children, and protecting the health of people in low-income countries with vaccines and immunization through Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. **Will Senator NAME co-sponsor S. Res 684?**

Representatives Kean, Amo, Salazar, and Jacobs are lead cosponsors of [H. Res. 1286](#) - a resolution which calls on the United States to take a supporting role in helping save the lives of children and protecting the health of people in low-income countries with vaccines and immunization through Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. **Will**

Representative NAME co-sponsor H. Res. 1286?

Please see the following [fact sheet](#) which provides more information on the critical role Gavi has played to save lives.

Once again, thank you!

Thank you,
Your Name

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Sample Phone/Voicemail Script

Call the Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and ask for the office.

Hello! My name is **Name**. I am a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer and constituent living in city or zip code. I am calling to share my support for Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance and House Resolution 1286/ Senate Resolution 684.

Shockingly, last year almost 5 million children worldwide died before their fifth birthday. The leading cause of death is a lack of access to basic health services like vaccines. Last year, 14 million kids missed out on the most basic vaccines and this is the most cost-effective way to save lives.

Since 2000, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, has helped improve access and introduce new vaccines to fight killers like pneumonia, diarrhea, and now malaria. Gavi is preparing to support over 20 African countries to introduce the new malaria vaccine and help others vaccinate low- and no-dose children for these insidious diseases. **Representative/Senator Name, will you co-sponsor the bipartisan Gavi resolutions (S.Res. 684/H.Res. 1286)? It will send a message to the rest of the world that we need to act now. Thank you!**

