TB Caucus Formed in the U.S. House on World TB Day 2012
Urge Your Representative to Join!

A bipartisan Tuberculosis Elimination Caucus was formed in the U.S. House of Representatives last World TB Day. The Caucus co-chairs, Reps. Eliot Engel (D-NY), Gene Green (D-TX) and Don Young (R-Alaska), support funding for global and domestic TB control programs through USAID and CDC and raising awareness of TB in Congress.

Urge your Representative to join the TB Caucus to support TB elimination in advance of World TB Day 2013.

How to Contact Your Representative
1. Call the Capitol Switchboard at 1-202-224-3121 and ask for your Representative or give your zip code if you do not know their name. When you are connected to an office, ask for the Health Legislative Assistant. If you leave a voicemail message, include your name and phone number so that they can call you back.

2. The following is a sample phone/e-mail message: "I am a constituent from (your town) and I am calling to urge (your Representative) to join the House TB Elimination Caucus to support strong tuberculosis control globally and in the U.S. TB is an airborne infectious disease – the second leading infectious killer in the world. The disease remains a public health problem in CA where 20% of the nation’s cases are reported. Please ask (your Representative) to contact Heidi Ross with Rep. Engel, Abigail Pinkele with Rep. Green or Paul Milotte with Rep. Young to join the Caucus. I’d like to call back to follow up with you about whether (your Rep) has joined the Caucus. When should I follow up with you? (their response)
   Thank you."

3. Follow up when indicated and again until you get a yes/no about your Representative joining the Caucus.

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