

Help Combat TB in the US - Urge Your Members of Congress to Cosponsor H.R.3080/S.834

Legislation to renew the U.S. TB elimination strategy, increase funding for CDC's domestic TB program and expand TB research and development has been introduced in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. The bill is the Comprehensive TB Elimination Act, S. 834/H.R. 3080, sponsored by Sen. Brown (D-OH) in the Senate and Reps. Engel (D-NY) and Young (R-AK) in the House. **Stop TB USA members are urged to contact their two senators and House Representative and ask them to cosponsor (support) the bill.**

How to Contact Your Senators/Representative

Call the Capitol Switchboard at 1-202-224-3121 and ask for your Sen/Rep. or give your state 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, phone number and email so that they can respond.

Sample message (just a sample, feel free to add more information):

"I am a constituent (and a physician, nurse, etc.) from (your town) and I am calling to urge Sen/Rep. _____ to cosponsor the Comprehensive TB Elimination Act, S.834/H.R. 3080, sponsored by Sen. Brown (D-OH) and Reps. Engel (D-NY) and Young (R-AK). TB, an airborne infectious disease, is the leading global infectious killer. TB is a public health issue in the US, where it is reported in every state annually. The CDC has identified drug resistant TB, which is much more expensive and complicated to treat, as a serious antibiotic resistant threat. Sen. Brown and Reps. Engel and Young have introduced the Comprehensive TB Elimination Act, S. 834/H.R 3080, to combat TB in the US. The bill authorizes increased funding to strengthen state TB programs, implement the National Action Plan to Combat MDR-TB and support prevention of future active costlier TB cases, and enhance TB research and development. I urge you to cosponsor this important public health legislation. Thank you for your consideration."