

Dear Representative/Senator,

Every life is precious. Yet today, 15,000 children and 800 mothers will die. They will die from a lack of proper nutrition, from lack of access to skilled delivery during childbirth, from a lack of clean water and from a lack of knowledge on how to time and space pregnancies. Sadly, they will die primarily from causes that are fully treatable and preventable.

As organizations who value life and are committed to saving and improving the lives of mothers and children around the world, we therefore ask for your support for the Reach Every Mother and Child Act (S. 1730, introduced by Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Chris Coons (D-DE), and H.R. 4022, introduced by Representatives David Reichert (R-WA), Betty McCollum (D-MN), Dan Donovan (R-NY) and Barbara Lee (D-CA)). This legislation aims to accelerate U.S. efforts, in partnership with country governments and the private sector, to end preventable maternal and child deaths by the year 2030.

Specifically, the bill would:

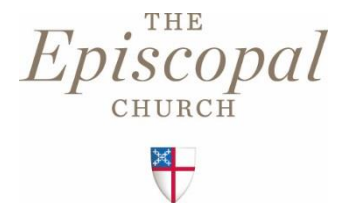
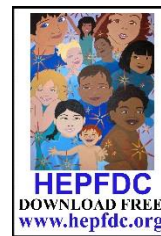
- Require a coordinated U.S. government strategy to end preventable maternal, newborn, and child deaths by 2030;
- Require ambitious top line targets to be set, tracked, and annually reported on;
- Focus on the poorest and most vulnerable populations by recognizing their unique needs within different countries and communities;
- Improve coordination among U.S. government agencies, foreign governments, and international organizations;
- Complement strong U.S. investments with innovative, public-private financing mechanisms; and
- Accelerate partner country progress toward self-sustainability for maternal, newborn and child health.

The United States has led the way in improving the lives of mothers and children and building the capacity of countries to care for themselves and ensure they reach their full potential. Through these efforts, we have seen tremendous progress, but our work remains unfinished and our faith calls us to continue until we reach every mother and child.

We hope you will join us in supporting the Reach Every Mother and Child Act by cosponsoring this important legislation.

We thank you for your consideration,

Adventist Development and Relief Agency	The Episcopal Church	Mennonite Central Committee
Alliance to End Hunger	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	SANRU Rural Health Program
American Leprosy Missions	Health Education Program for Developing Communities	SIL Lead, Inc.
The Center for Health in Mission	IMA World Health	SIM
Christian Connections for International Health	International Aid	United Methodist Church General Board of Church and Society
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Cure International	MAMA Project	United Methodist Committee on Relief
Emmanuel Hospital Association	Medical Teams International	World Renew
Empact Africa	MedSend	World Vision US



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