

Strengthening Our Commitment to Global Health: A Call to Action

Dear Colleagues,

Global health and development are at a pivotal moment. Recent policy changes in the U.S. have introduced new challenges and opportunities that may impact international partnerships, global health initiatives, and health security. These shifts affect essential programs, including HIV prevention and treatment, maternal and child health, tuberculosis, and broader global health efforts that have improved millions of lives worldwide.

At the Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH), we deeply appreciate your commitment to advancing health equity and strengthening global health systems. As an organization dedicated to evidence-based solutions, we continue to advocate for policies that support vulnerable populations, enhance global health security, and sustain the progress made through international collaboration.

To be most effective, we must work across political and institutional divides to ensure our advocacy efforts lead to meaningful and sustainable impact. We seek to be deliberate, strategic, and solutions-oriented in our response. As legal and policy landscapes evolve, CUGH remains committed to working with policymakers across the political spectrum to uphold our shared commitment to global health.

Engage in the Discussion at CUGH 2025

Our upcoming CUGH 2025 meeting presents a valuable opportunity to assess the real-world impact of these policy changes and strengthen collaboration with policymakers, civil society, and academic institutions. We invite you to share insights on how to reinforce CUGH's role as a leading advocate for global health and contribute to constructive policy discussions.

- Join us in Atlanta for this critical conversation: <https://www.cugh2025.org>

How You Can Take Action Now

CUGH encourages individuals to advocate for evidence-based global health policies by:

- Engaging with congressional representatives in state and district offices to share concerns and offer solutions.
- Communicating the economic and human impact of these policies on individuals, communities, and institutions—both in the U.S. and globally.
- Using media platforms to raise awareness through letters to the editor, radio discussions, and informed commentaries on social media.

Find and Contact Your Representatives:

- U.S. House of Representatives: <https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>
- U.S. Senate: <https://www.senate.gov/senators/senators-contact.htm>

Our Collective Responsibility

While challenges lie ahead, these moments reaffirm the importance of collaboration, advocacy, and evidence-based policymaking in global health. We must work together to protect and sustain the progress made in advancing health and human well-being worldwide. We look forward to continuing this important conversation at our upcoming meeting, Feb20-23, Atlanta, GA

Thank you for your leadership, your voice, and your dedication to this vital mission.
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